

zTree

Zurich Toolbox for Readymade Economic Experiments

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What is zTree for?

Zurich Toolbox for **Readymade** Economic Experiments



Designed for **simple** experimenter that does not have:

- o competent programmers that can write ad hock programs
- o time to design ad hock programs
- o ability to specify full experiment without pilots, modifications, ...



Designed for **simple** games, that do not require:

- o detailed timing (time is measured in seconds)
- o major graphical input/output
- o unexpected changes in design once the experiment is in progress

How to get zTree?



Licence

The program can be licensed free of charge. When you report results of experiments conducted with z-Tree, the licence requires that you mention it's use in the publication and cite the [article](#) forthcoming in Experimental Economics.

The correct citation is:

The experiment was programmed and conducted with the software z-Tree (Fischbacher 2007).
Reference:
Urs Fischbacher (2007): z-Tree: Zurich Toolbox for Ready-made Economic Experiments, Experimental Economics 10(2), 171-178.

How to order z-Tree?

To get a licence, download the [English license contract](#) or the [German license contract](#), print two copies, sign them, fill in postal and email address, and send them to Sally Gschwend, Institute for Empirical Research in Economics, University of Zurich, Bluemlisalpstrasse 10, CH-8006 Zurich. (I need the postal address to send you back one copy of the contract and I need an e-mail address, to send you login and password for downloading z-Tree.) You will then receive login and password for [downloading](#) z-Tree. If you do not receive the information by email within reasonable time, please send an email to [ztreeadm \[at\] iew.uzh.ch](mailto:ztreeadm[at]iew.uzh.ch).

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Institute for Empirical Research in Economics:
<http://www.iew.uzh.ch/ztree/howtoget.php>

How does it work?

Manuals:

- o 2.1 Tutorial Manual (2001): <http://www.iew.uzh.ch/ztree/ztree21tutorial.pdf>
- o 2.1 References (2006): <http://www.iew.uzh.ch/ztree/ztree21ref.pdf>
- o 3.x Wiki: <https://www.uzh.ch/iew/ztree/ssl-dir/wiki/>

Two programs:

zTree

- o programming editor
- o experiment server

zLeaf

- o client program for subjects' computers
- o client program for the experimenter's input during the game

zTree step-by-step:

Step 1: Install "toolbox" programs.
zTree and zLeaf (for testing)
for you. zLeafs for subjets.

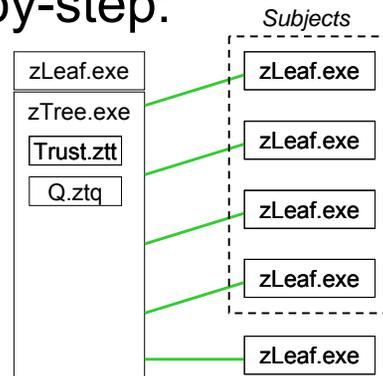
Step 2: Open zTree,

Step 3: Download, create, save your
- program (e.g.Trust.ztt)
- questionnaire (e.g.Q.ztq)

Step 4: Open zLeaf on each subjet's
computer (or on your computer
if only testing.) + One for manual changes of parameters if needed.

Step 5: Seat the subjects, go through instructions (if not part of the program)

Step 6: Start your program (Trust.ztt)



zTree step-by-step:

Step 7: Subjects make decisions
decisions travel to server
program records
decisions in tables
some information is
being passed to subjects

You can observe the tables
You can use your zLeaf to
change parameters

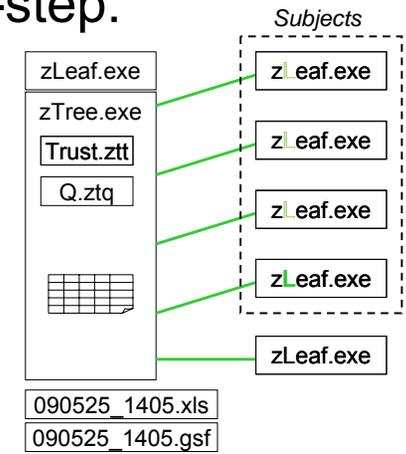
Computer records the tables in

*.xls file every period

*.gsf file continuously

name is given time (Trust.ztt)
program started.

Step 8: Experiment ends. (Most tables in zTree disappear.)
You can run another experiment or questionnaire.



zTree step-by-step:

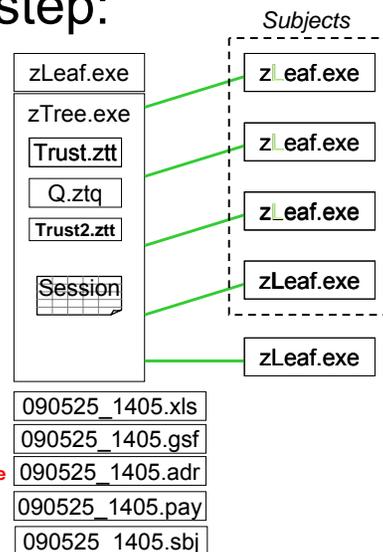
Step 9: If you run another
experiment, data
continue are being
collected into same files

(=>You cannot change
of participants unless
all programs restart)

Step 10: If you run a questionnaire
a file with answers and
a file with names & payments
are created.

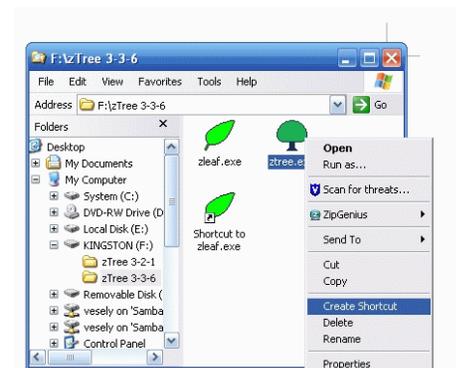
Step 11: use *.xls, *.pay or "session
table" to pay subjects **so they leave**

Step 12: Close zLeafs (ALT+F4)
Close zTree (!!!Make sure all zLeafs
completed their tasks so Trust.ztt is not running !!!)



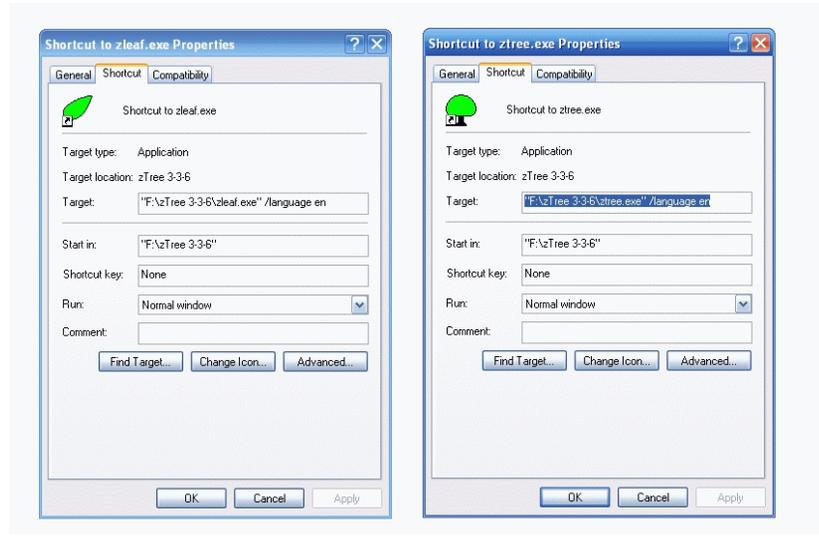
Step 1: Install "toolbox" programs. zTree and zLeaf (for testing) for you. zLeafs for subjets.

- <http://www.go.to/econ/zTree>
- Since there will be many files added each time you open zTree,
create a new directory for it.
- Copy zTree and zLeaf there.
- Create a shortcut for both.
- Go to properties to change
language to english =en
(chinese = cn)
by adding **"/language en"**



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- if you use multiple zLeaf for testing, create multiple shortcuts with **"/name A"**, **"/name B"** and so on

Step 1



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Step 1

- In a big network or if you ran multiple zTrees on same network simultaneously add a server's IP address to zLeaf as well:

/language en /name A /server 144.214.99.243

Alternatively, replace "server.eec" with the IP address in it.

- if you want to open zTree and multiple zLeaves with one click you can create a *.bat file (= a text file ending with ".bat") like this:

```
start ztree /language en
PING 1.1.1.1 -n 1 -w 2000 >NUL
start zleaf /size 640x480 /position 0,0 /language en/name A
PING 1.1.1.1 -n 1 -w 500 >NUL
start zleaf /size 640x480 /position 640,0 /language en/name B
PING 1.1.1.1 -n 1 -w 500 >NUL
start zleaf /size 640x480 /position 0,480 /language en/name C
PING 1.1.1.1 -n 1 -w 500 >NUL
start zleaf /size 640x480 /position 640,480 /language en/name D
```

- If you run more than one zTree, you can use different channels (**/channel CH**) to indicate what zTree connects to which zLeaves (CH is a number)

Step 1

- You can also direct different files into different directories:
 - /datadir DIR** for xls (data) file
 - /adradir DIR** for adr (address) file
 - /gsfdir DIR** for gsf (gamesafe) file
 - ...

- if you have older programs (from version 2.x) do not mix them with the new ones as they will not work.

Step 2: Open zTree (through the shortcut)

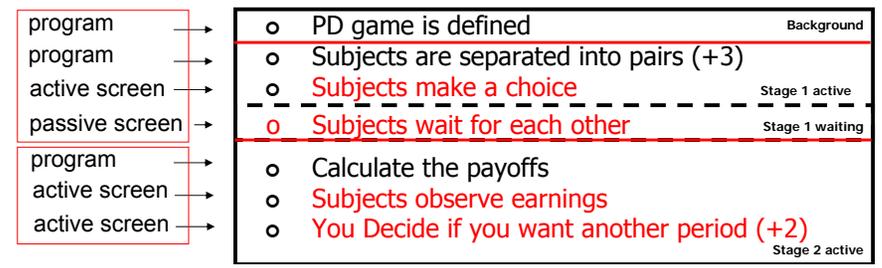
Step 3: download, create, save your program (e.g. PD.ztt)

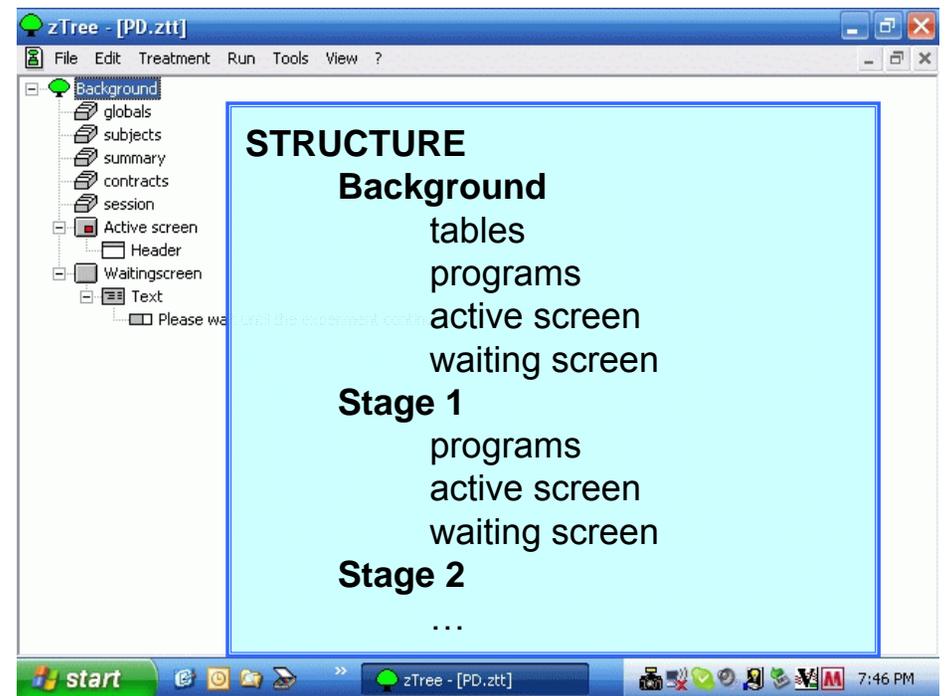
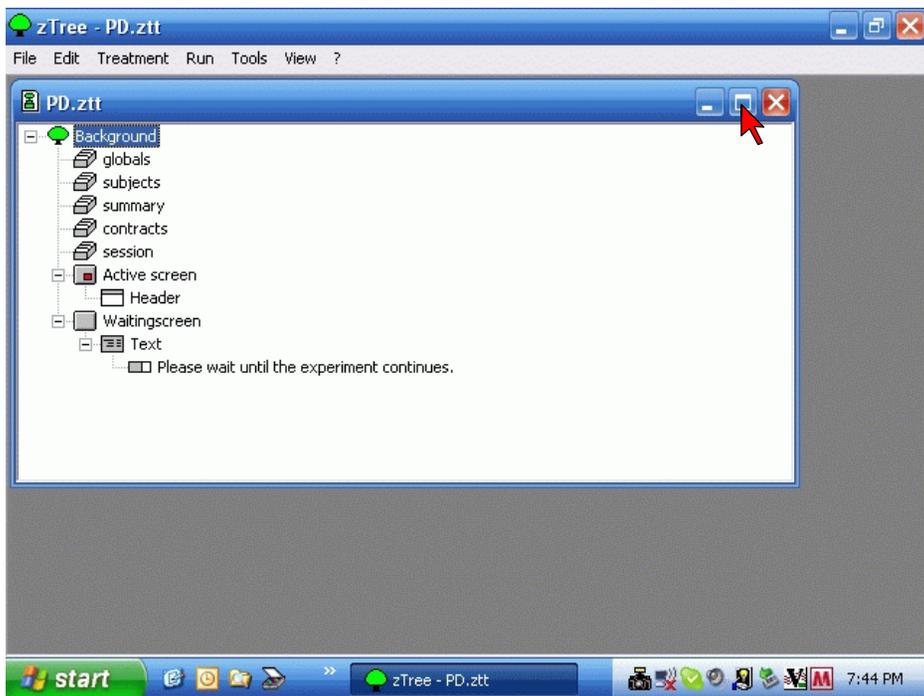
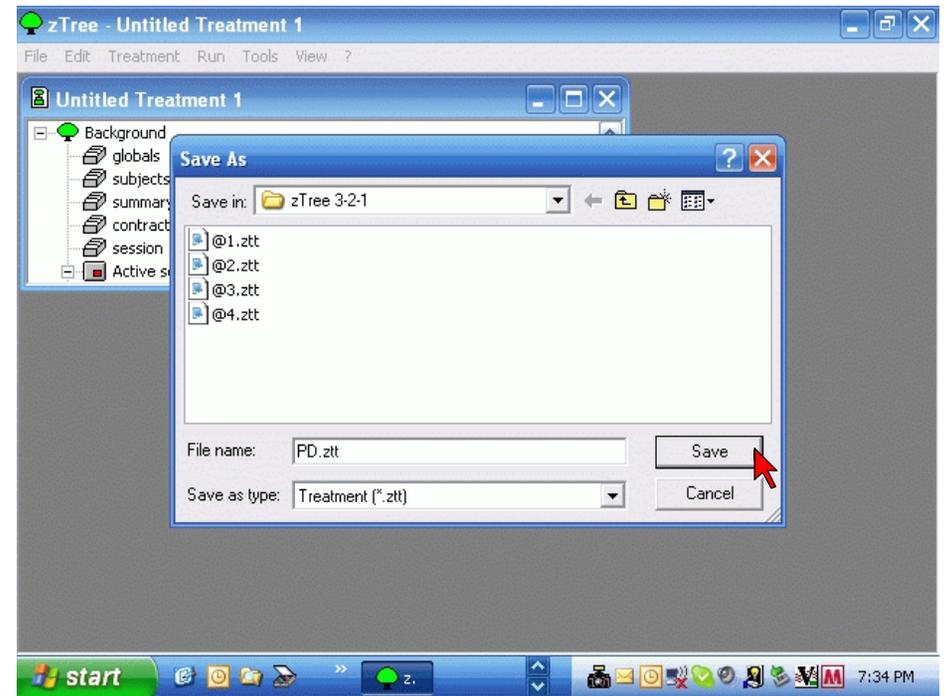
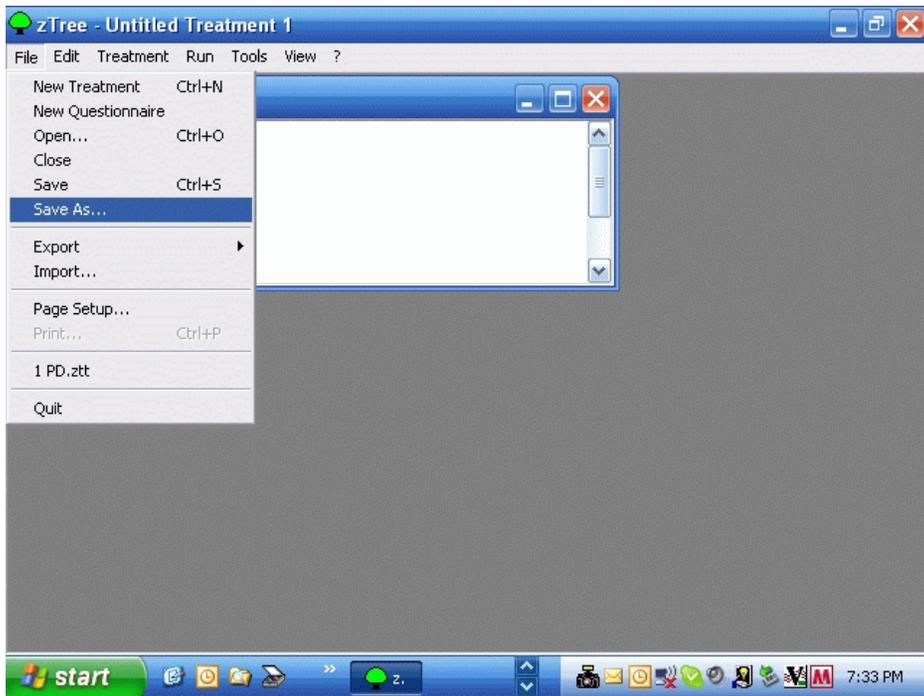
Step 3

We will write a program for PD experiment

subjects earn	\$10 + half of the these:	C	D
		5,5	0,8
		8,0	2,2

- (1) two groups of two players playing once
- (2) two groups of two players playing once or more...
- (3) rematch agents based on last period earnings (highest with 2nd highest and so on....)





Background

The common elements of all stages may be inserted and defined here

In the background itself, when you double click it, some central parameters of the treatments can be viewed and changed.

The programs of the background are run at the beginning of a period. They are used for defining constants.

General Parameters

Number of subjects	5	OK
Number of groups	1	Cancel
# practice periods	0	
# paying periods	1	
Exch. rate [Fr./ECU]	1	
Lump sum payment [ECU]	0	
Show up fee [Fr.]	0	

Bankruptcy rules...

Compatibility

first boxes on top

Options

without Autoscope

General Parameters

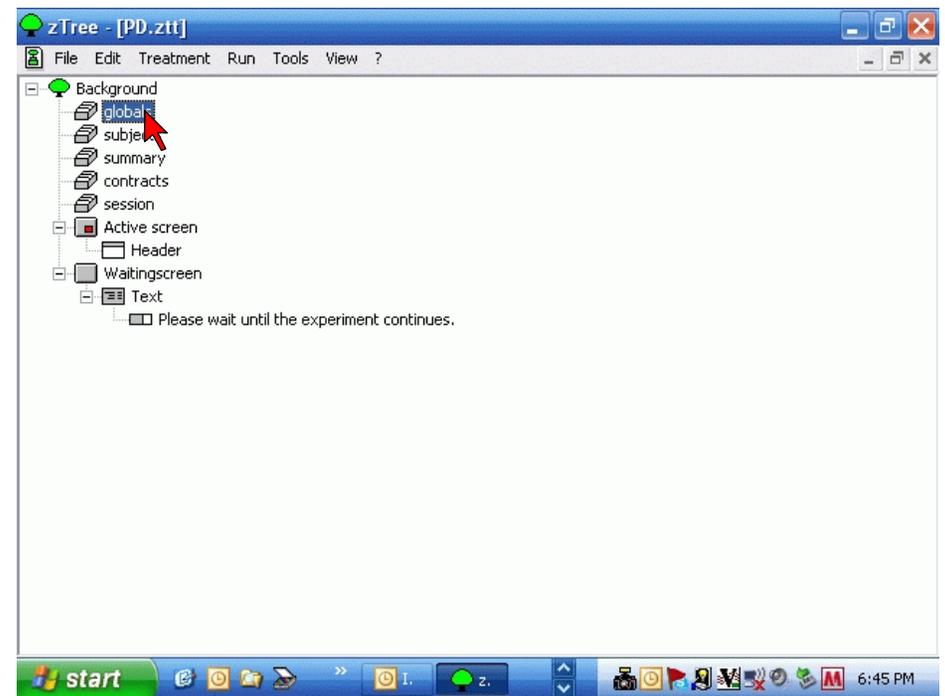
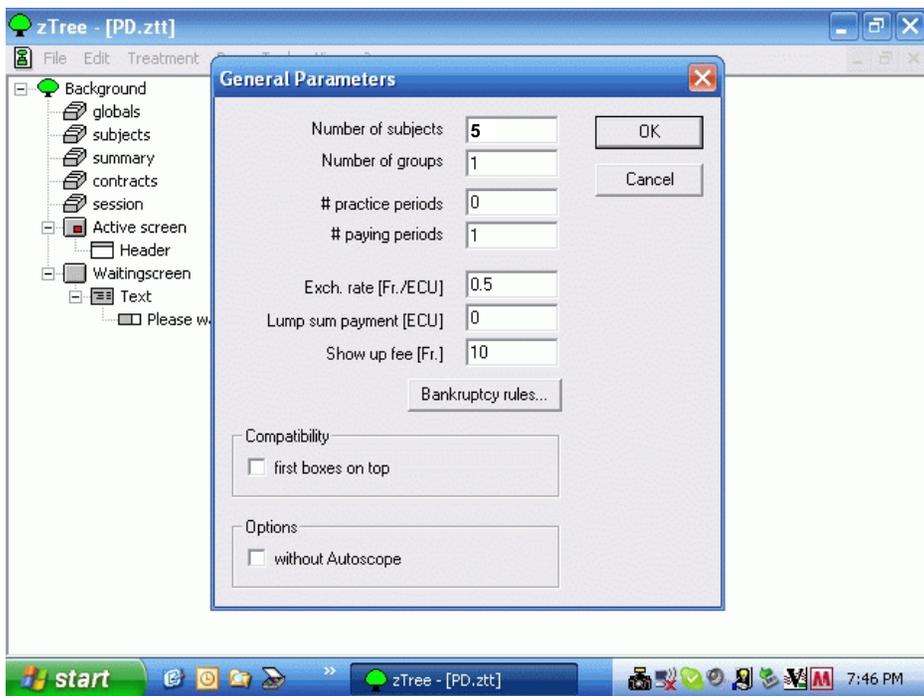
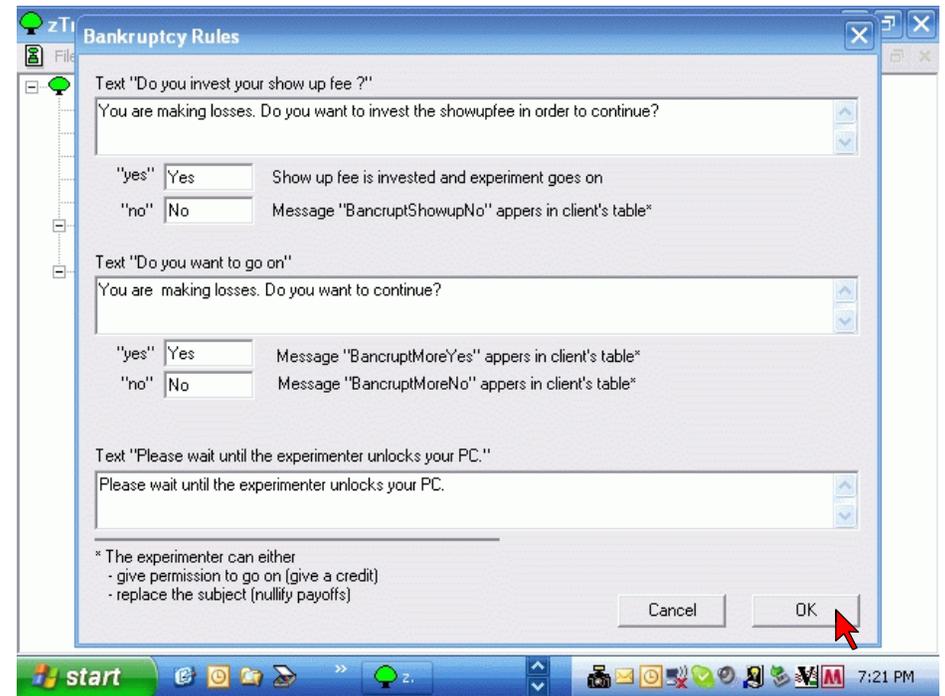
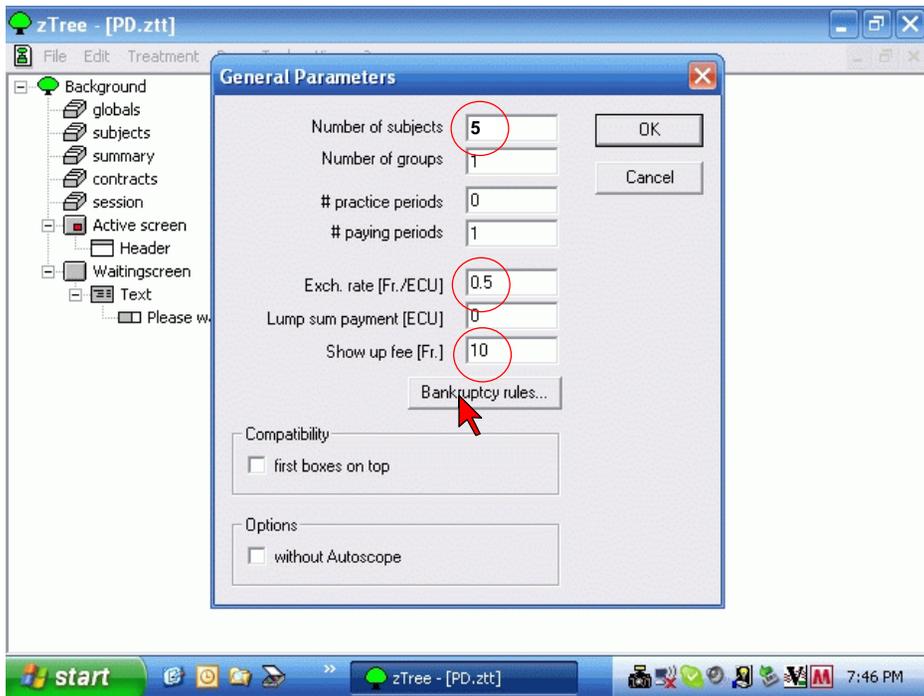
We will use 5 zLeafs

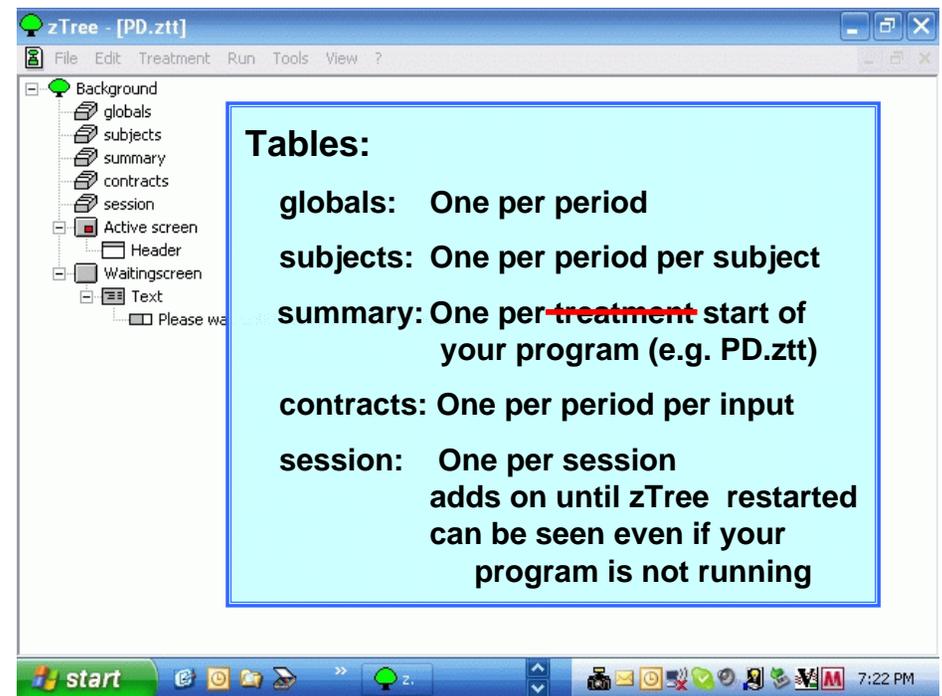
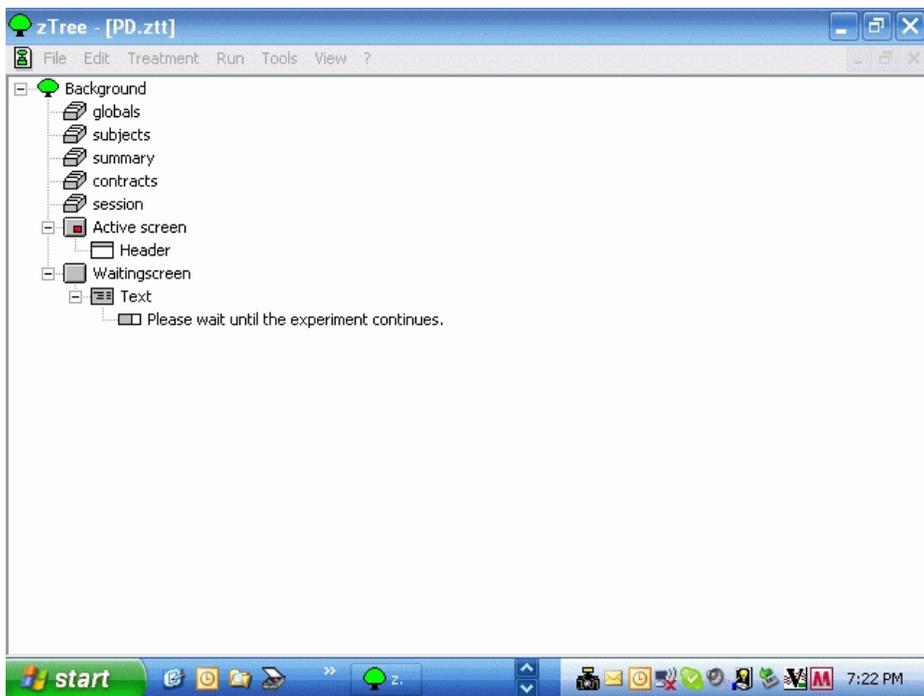
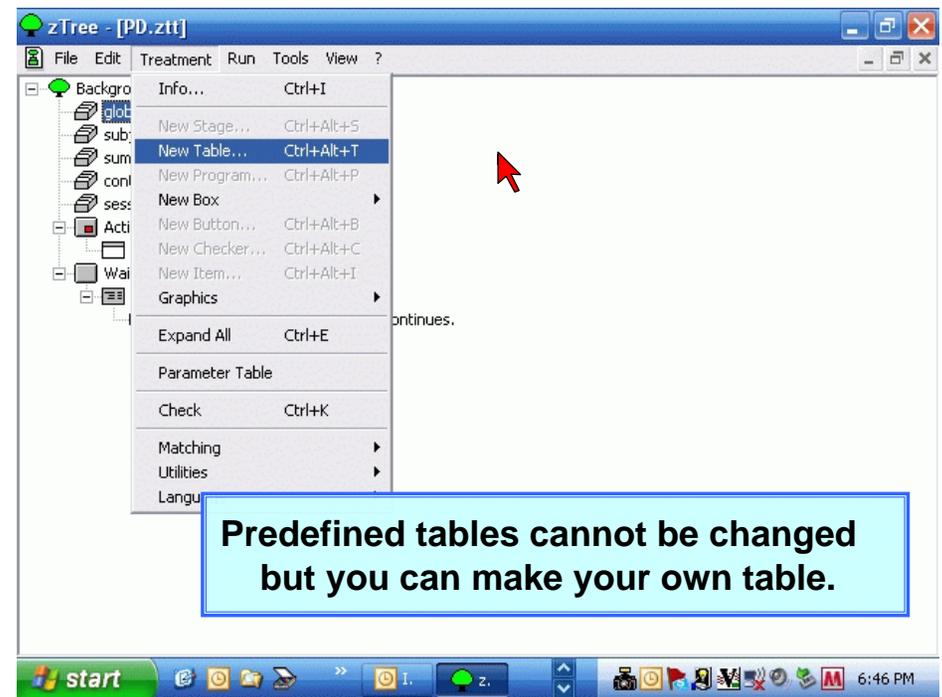
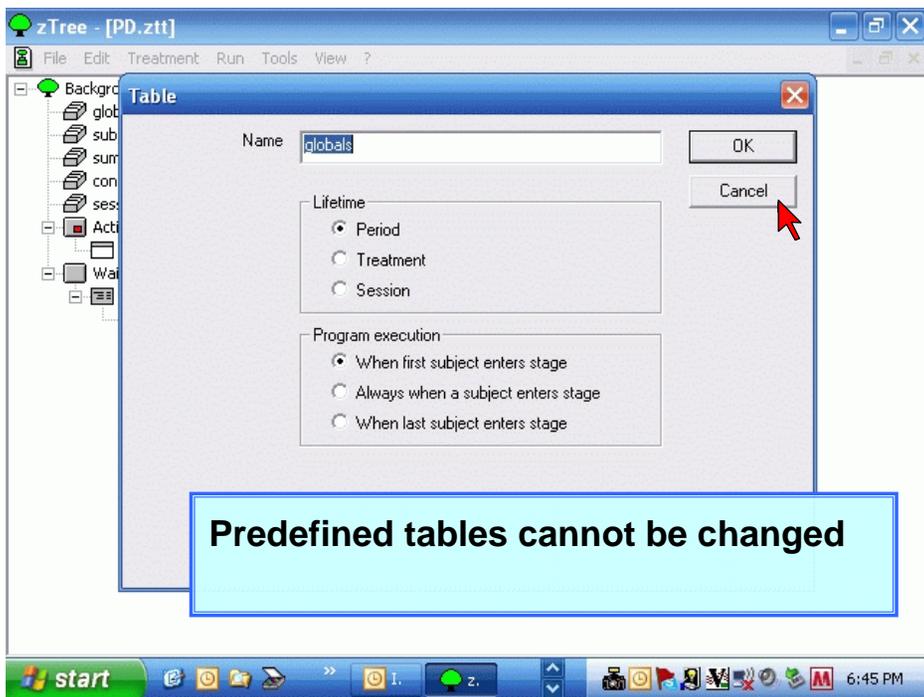
Subjects will receive

\$10 (Swiss francs) for showing

+ \$ 1 for each 2 experiment units

without Autoscope





zTree - [PD.ztt]

File Edit Treatment Run Tools View ?

Background

- globals
- subjects
- summary
- contracts
- session
- Active screen
 - Header
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globals:

- Period (firs of three trials = -2)
- NumPeriods
- RepeatTreatment (=0)

subjects:

- Period
- Subject
- Group
- Profit
- TotalProfit(adds from last period)
- Participate (0=> skip all stage)
- LeaveStage (0=> go to stage end)

start 7:22 PM

zTree - [PD.ztt]

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globals:

- X, x, x1, ...Xx[xX]
- OLDglobals.find(X);

subjects:

- Y, y, y1, ...Y2[Y3], X
- OLDsubjects.find (Subject>N , Y)

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summary:

- Period
- + your aggregates to be observed during experiment

contracts:

- Period + contracts & other multiple actions per period

sessions:

- Subject
- FinalProfit (<=Subject's TotalProfit)

start 7:22 PM

zTree - [PD.ztt]

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summary

contracts

sessions:

- Subject
- FinalProfit (<=TotalProfit in \$)
- ShowUpFee
- ShowUpFeeInvested (1=yes)
- MoneyAdded
- MoneyToPay
- (=FinaProfit+ShowUpFee+MoneyAdded)
- MoneyEarned(=FinaProfit+ShowUpFee)

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zTree - [PD.ztt]

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Values of variables in tables can be added and changed in **programs**

How do we add programs?
Click once onto last table stages buttons

start 7:22 PM

zTree - [PD.ztt]

File Edit Treatment Run Tools View ?

Info... Ctrl+I

New Stage... Ctrl+Alt+S

New Table... Ctrl+Alt+T

New Program... Ctrl+Alt+P

New Box

New Button... Ctrl+Alt+B

New Checker... Ctrl+Alt+C

New Item... Ctrl+Alt+I

Graphics

Expand All Ctrl+E

Parameter Table

Check Ctrl+K

Matching

Utilities

Language

continues.

start zTree - [PD.ztt] 7:47 PM

zTree - [PD.ztt] Program

Table: subjects Owner Variable: OK

Condition:

Program:

Since the same variable can be used in different tables we need to specify what table we will work with.

You can read "globals table" variables from "subjects table" program unless you used the same names...

You can always ask for variables from other tables (will show later)

start zTree - [PD.ztt] 7:47 PM

zTree - [PD.ztt] Program

Table: globals Owner Variable: OK

Condition:

Program:

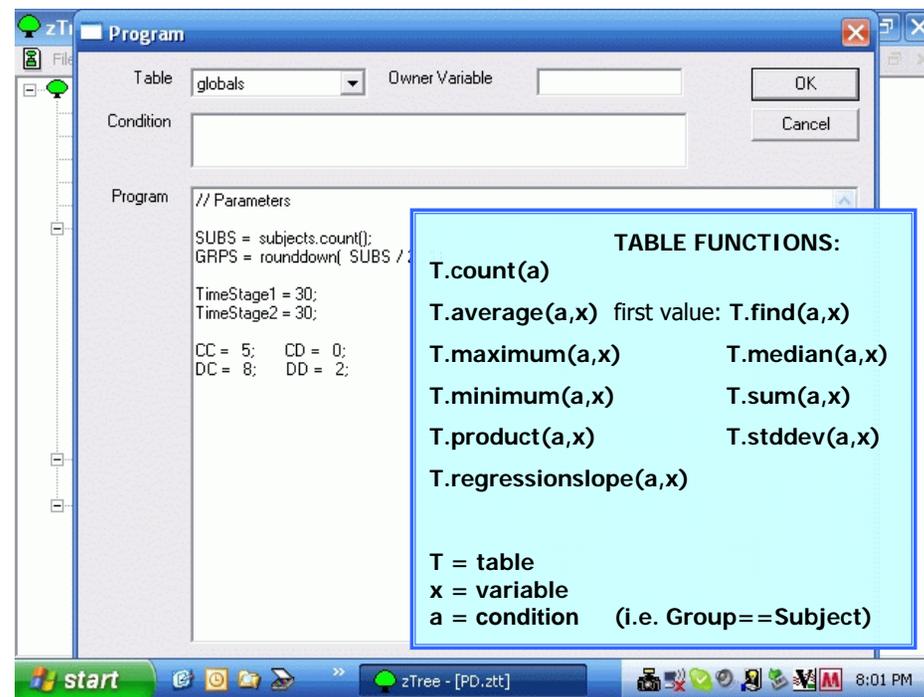
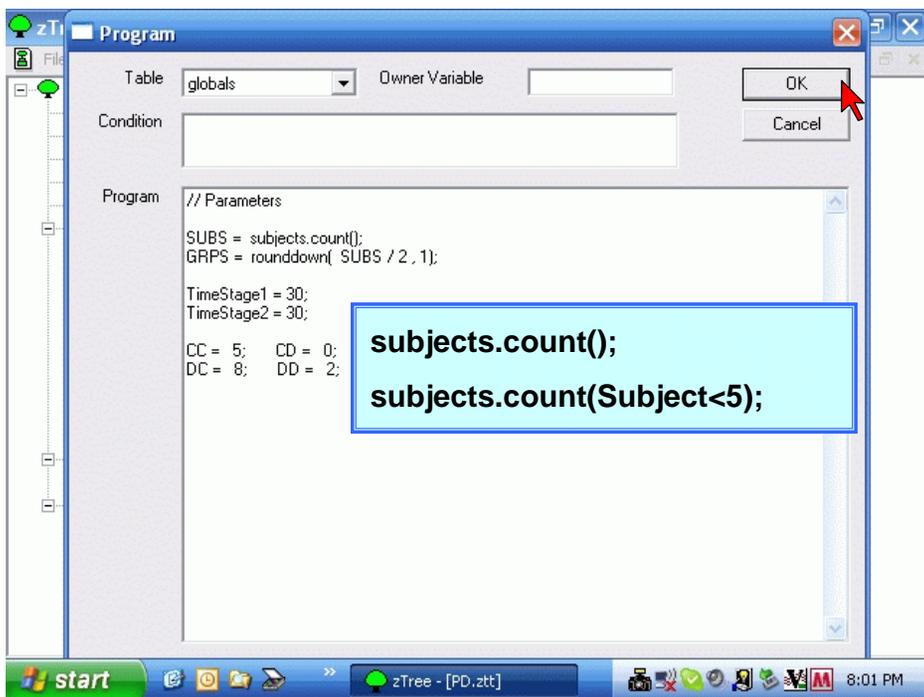
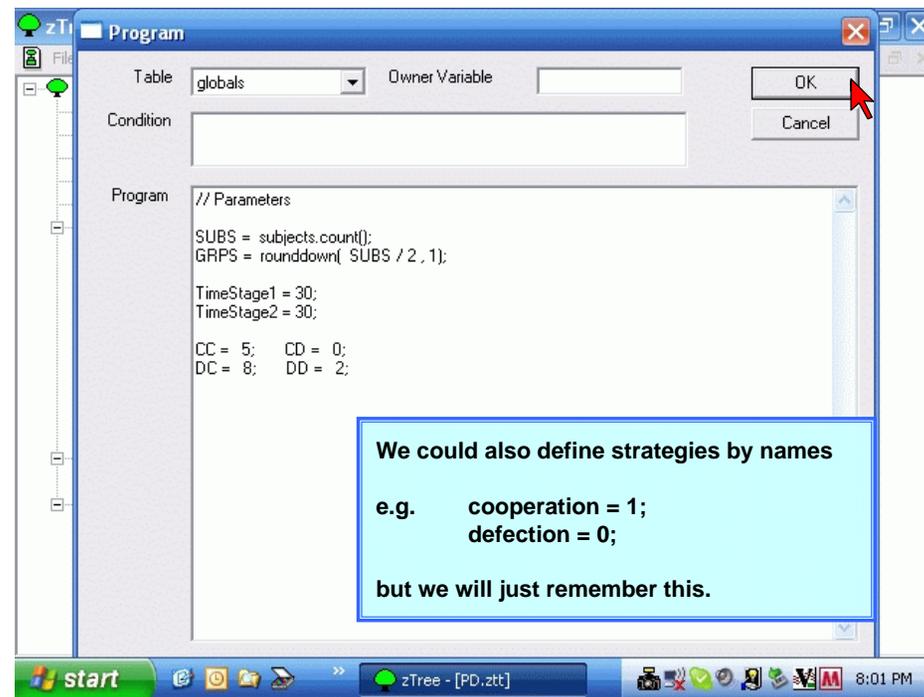
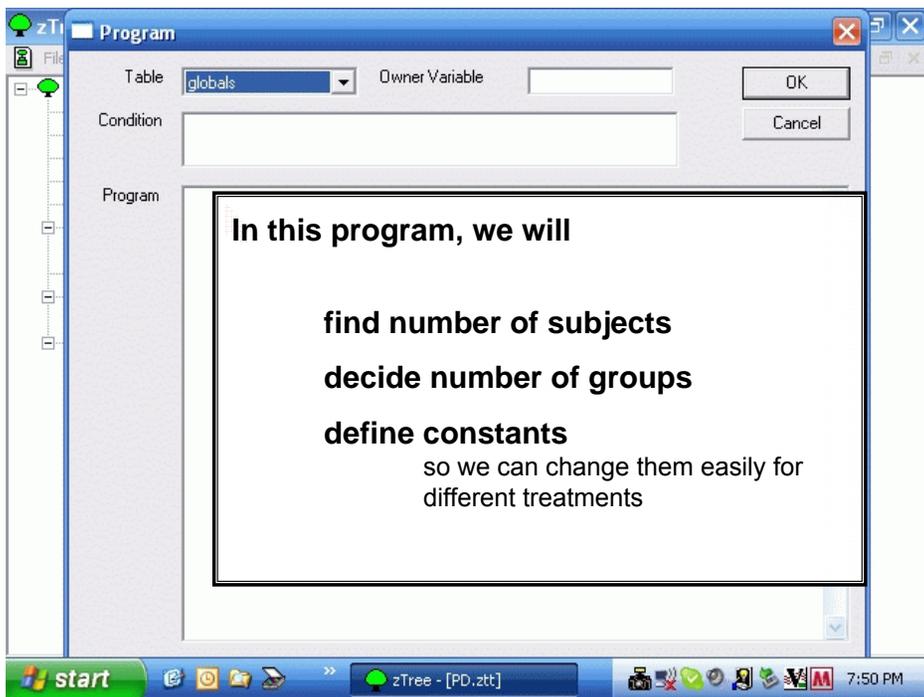
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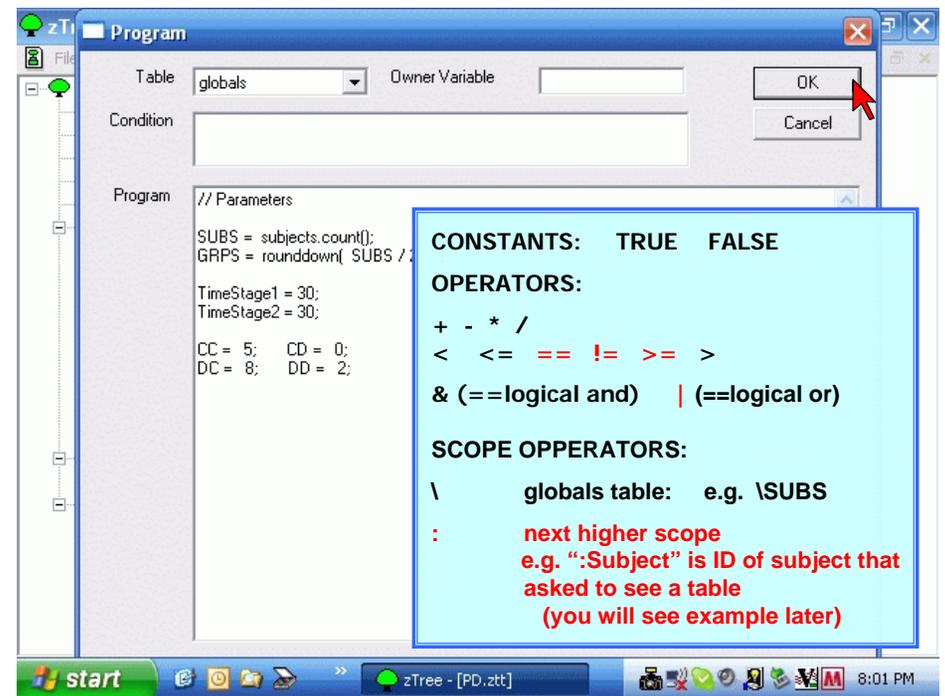
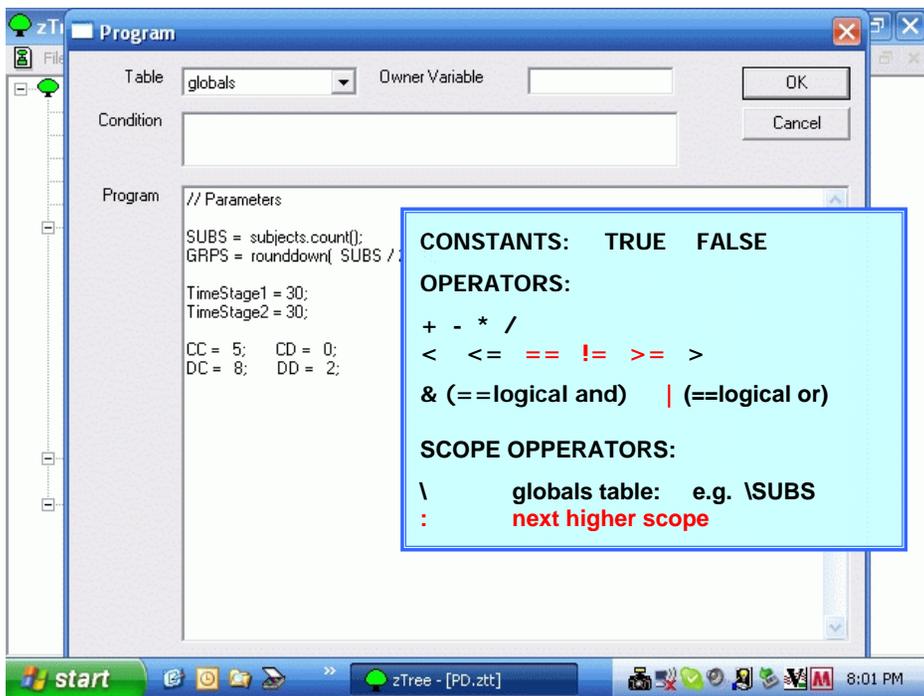
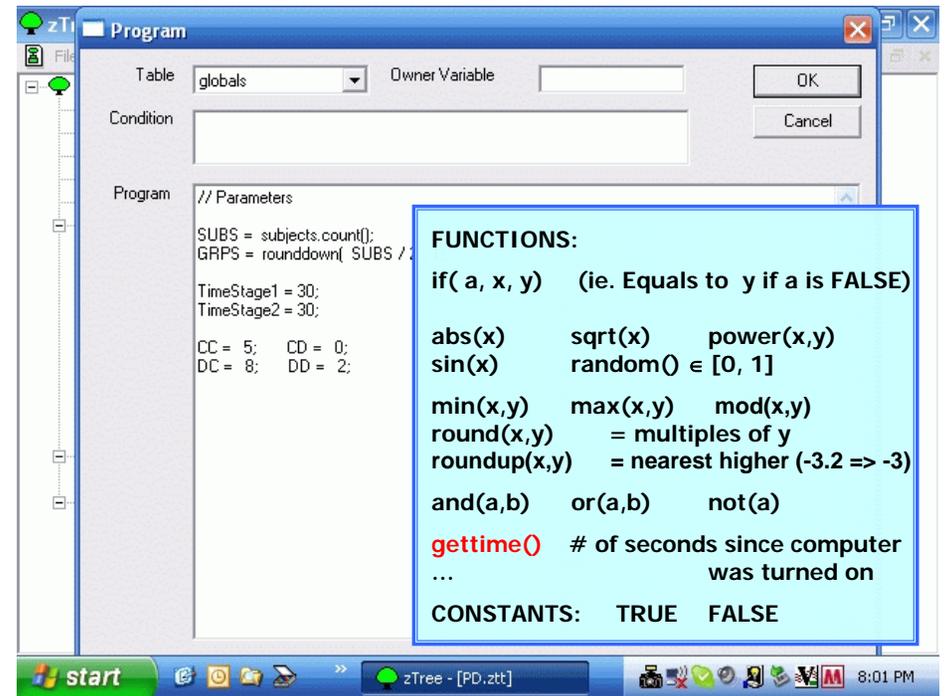
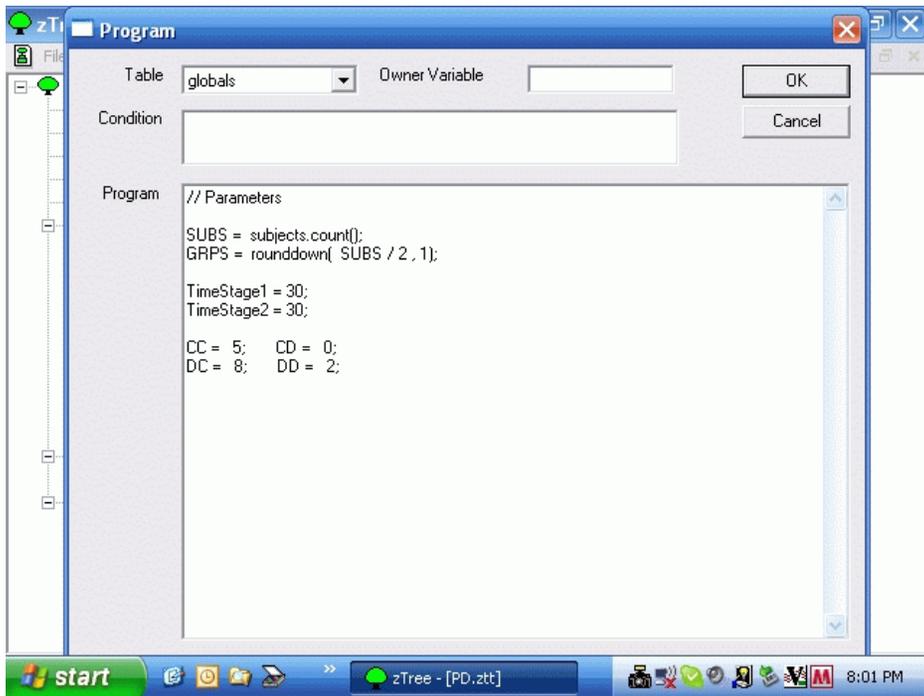
Program will / will not execute

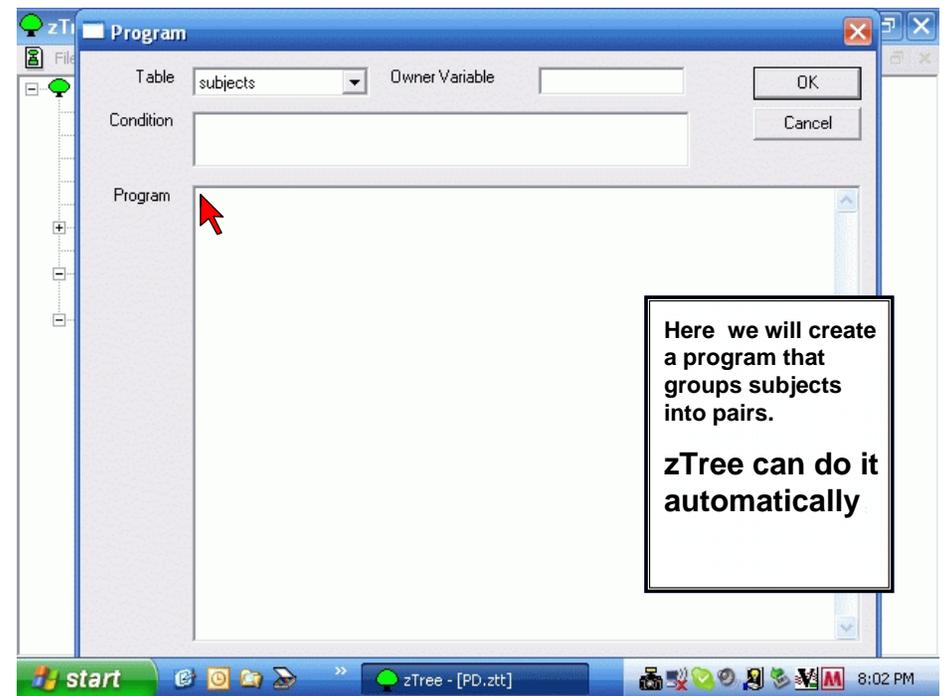
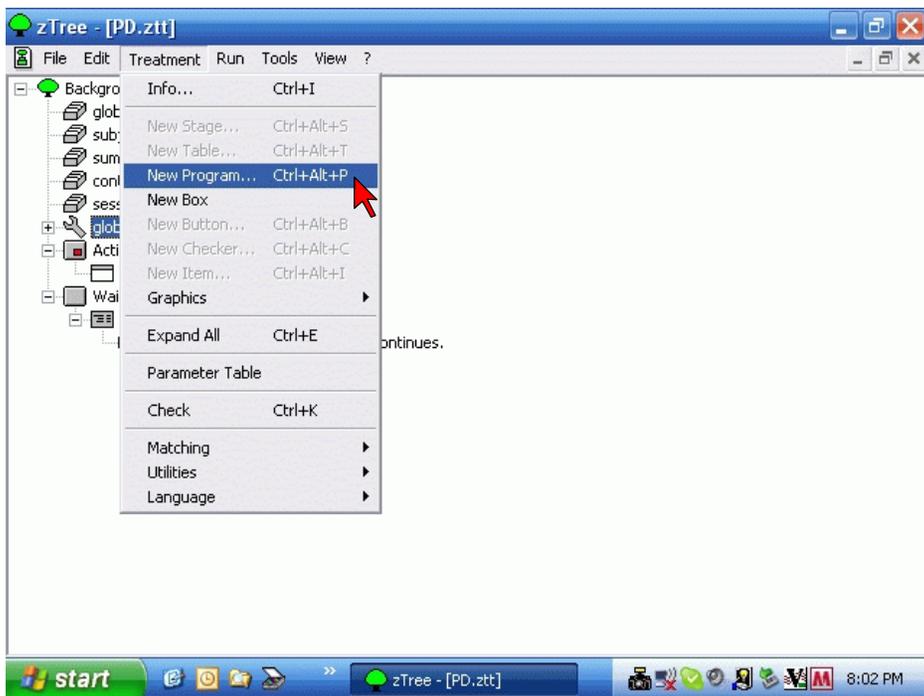
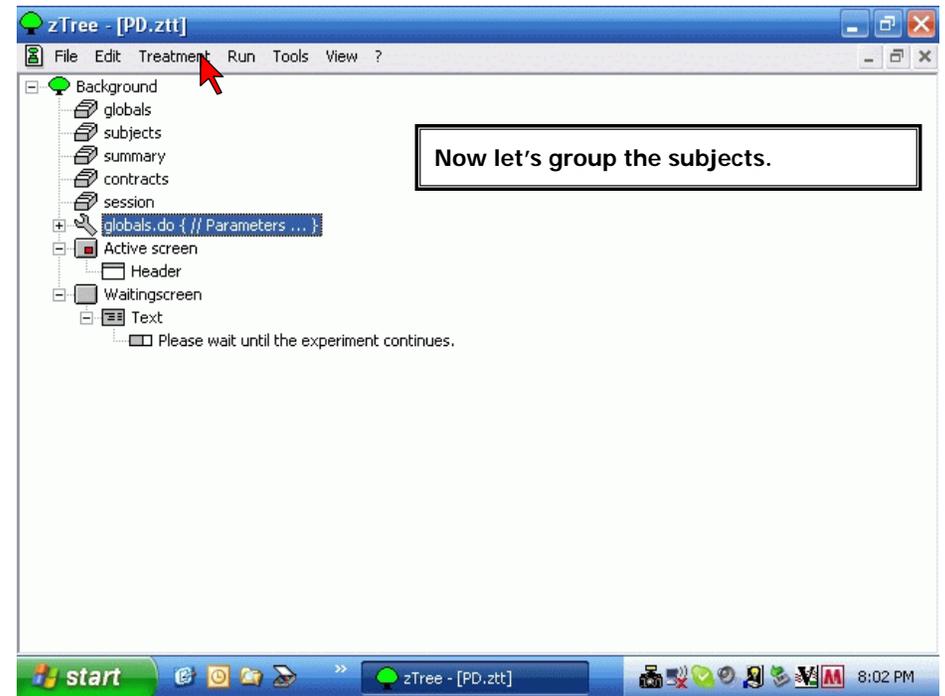
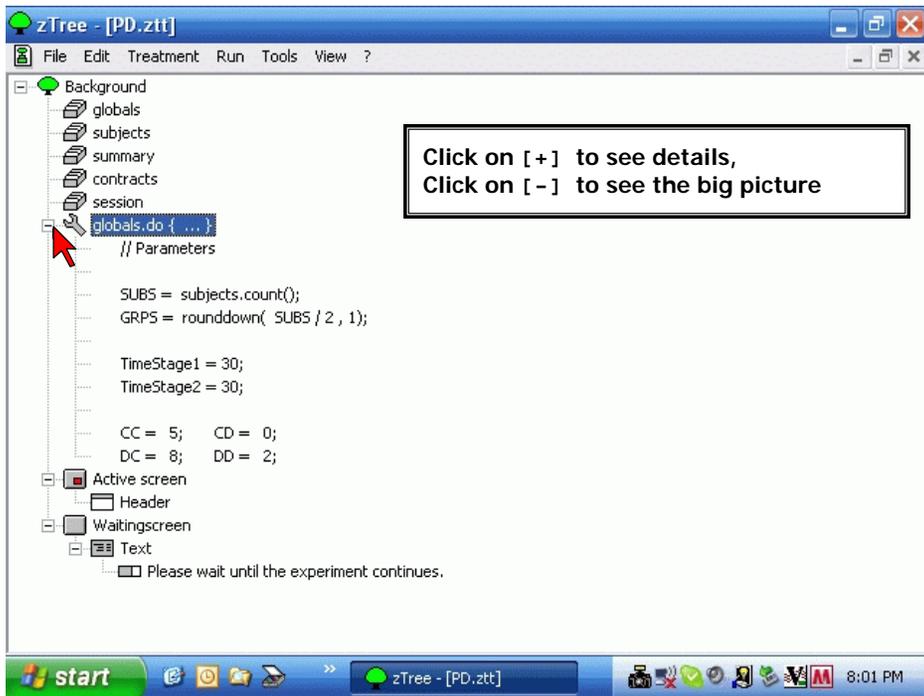
Owner Variable: X

Used for contracts, limits records to those of Subject == X where X is variable from contract table

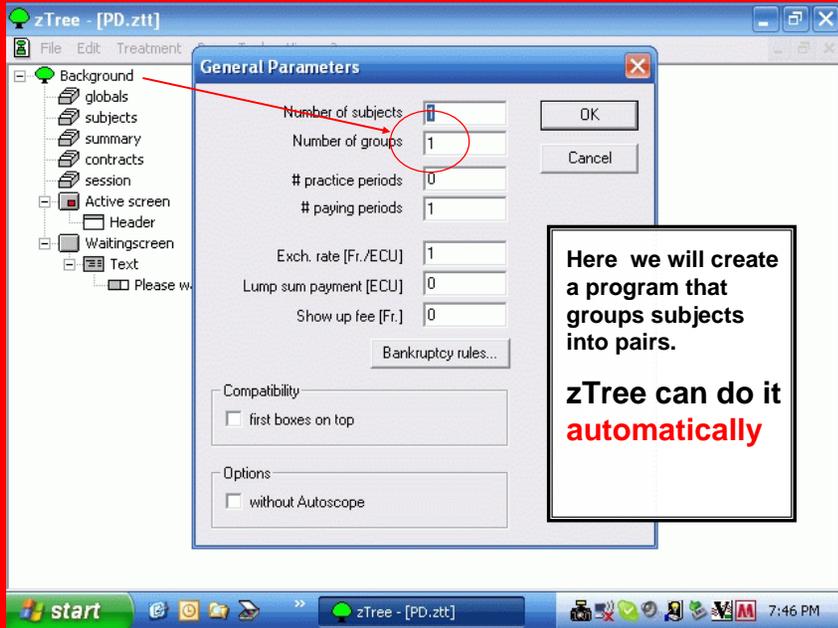
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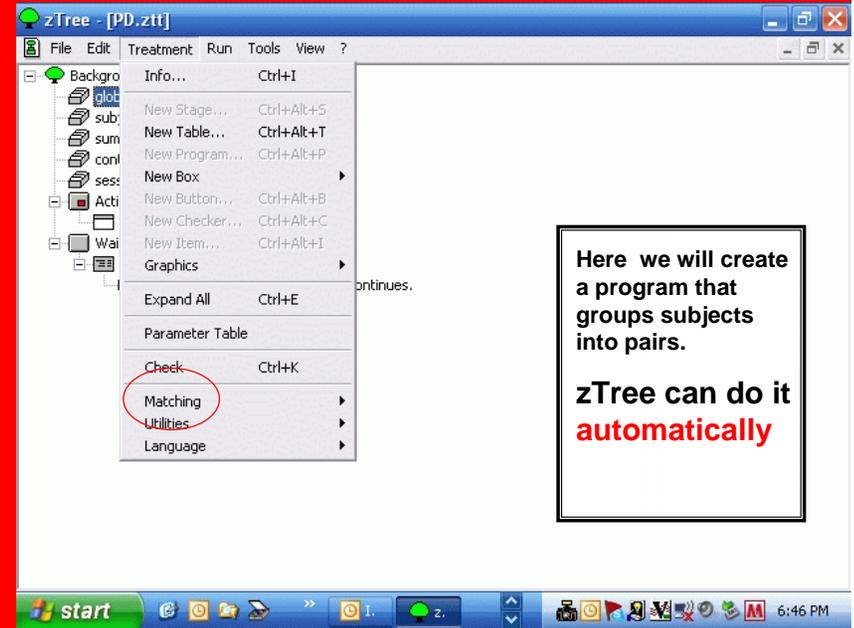




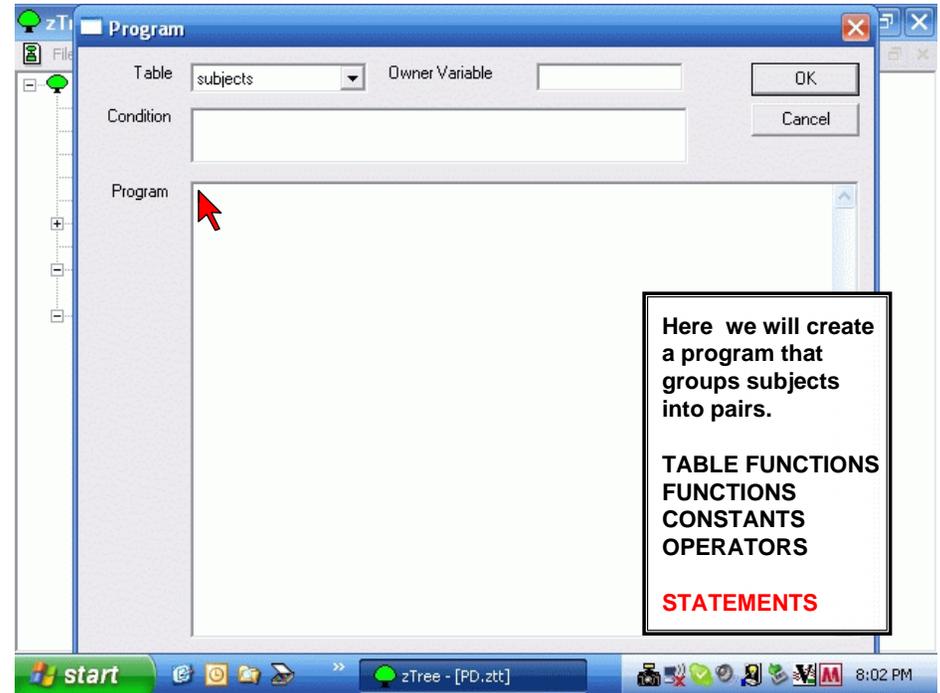
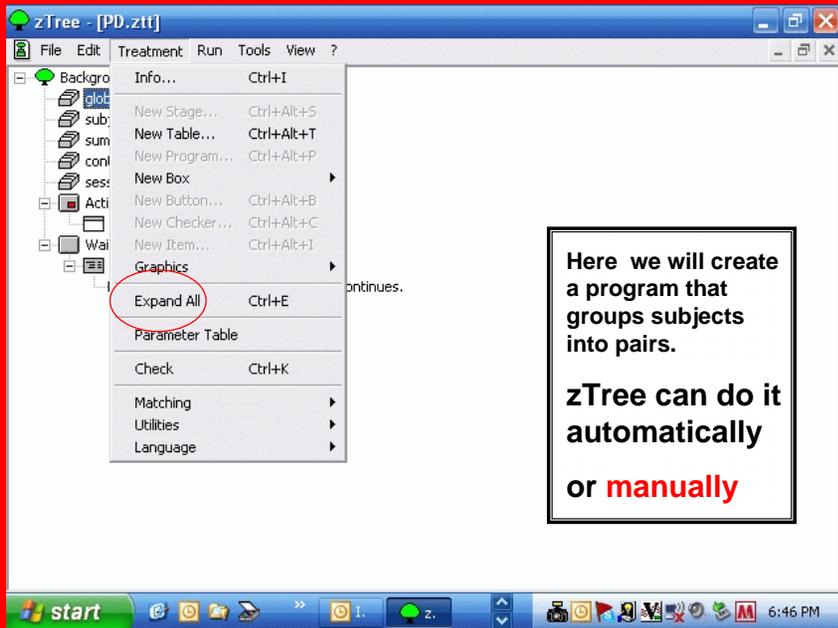
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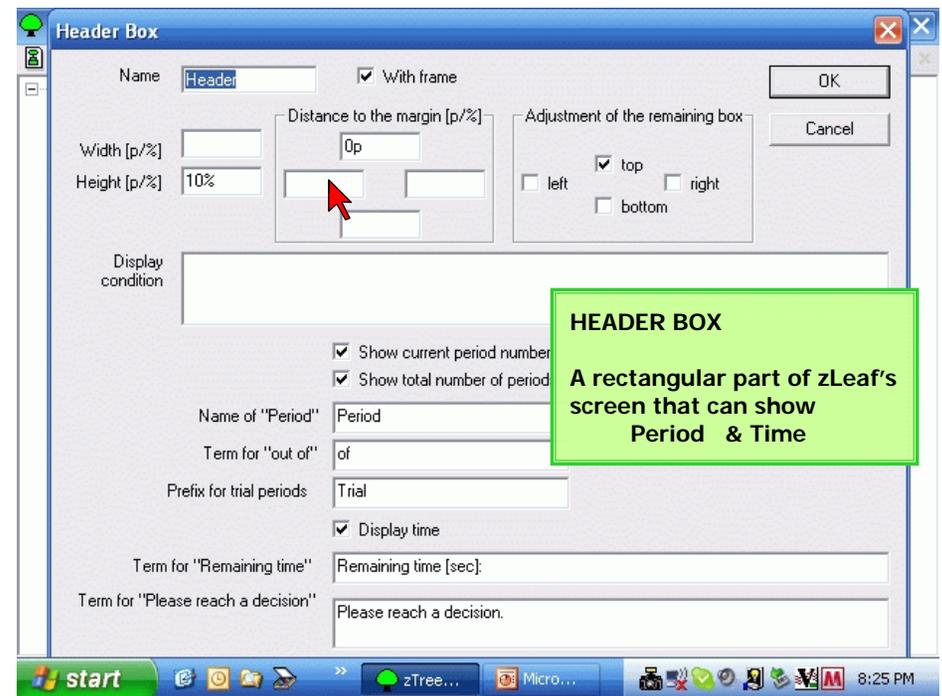
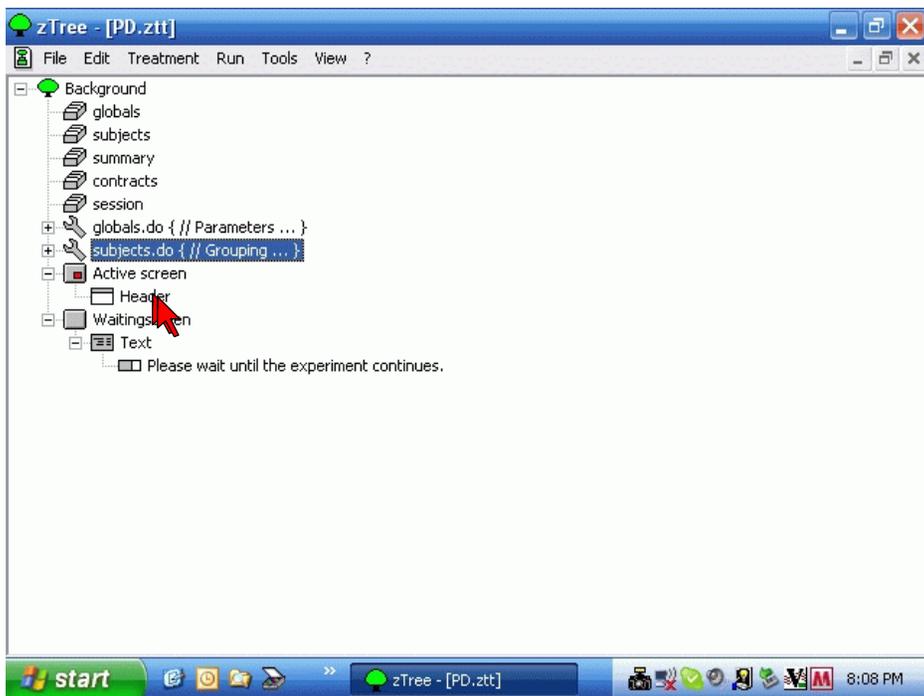
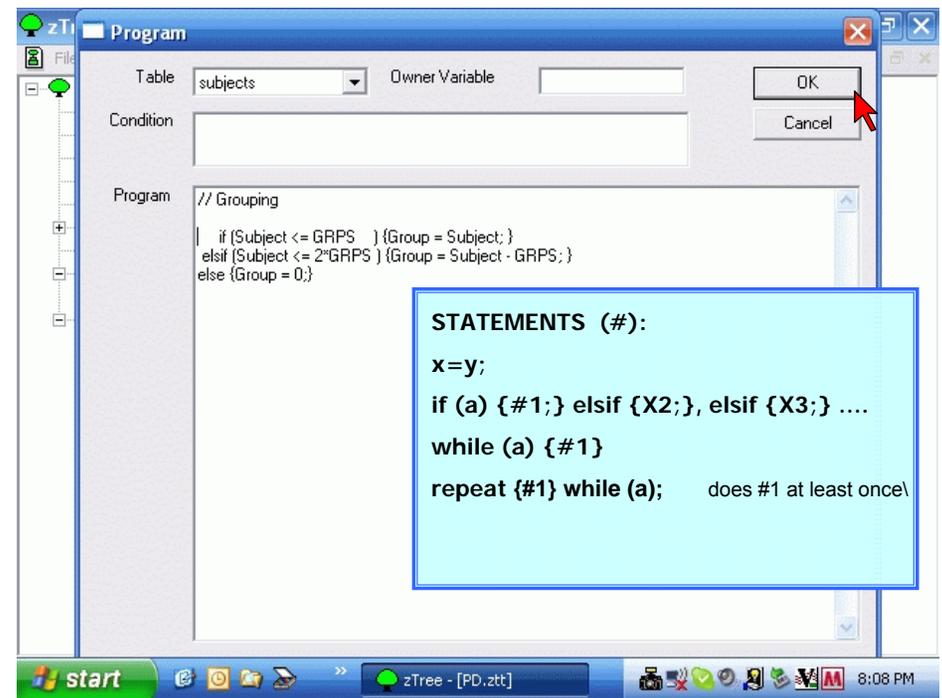
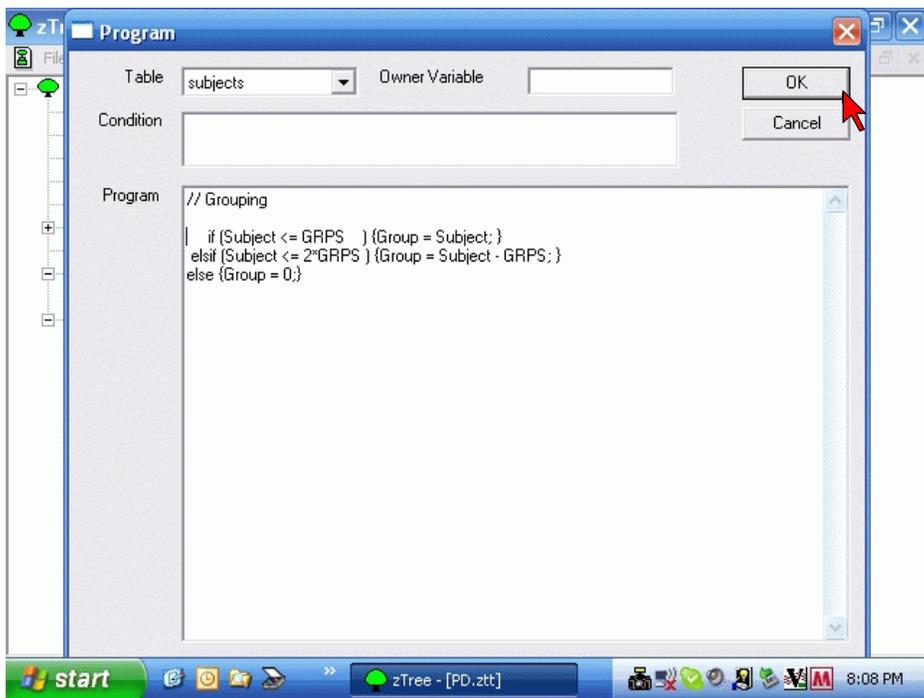


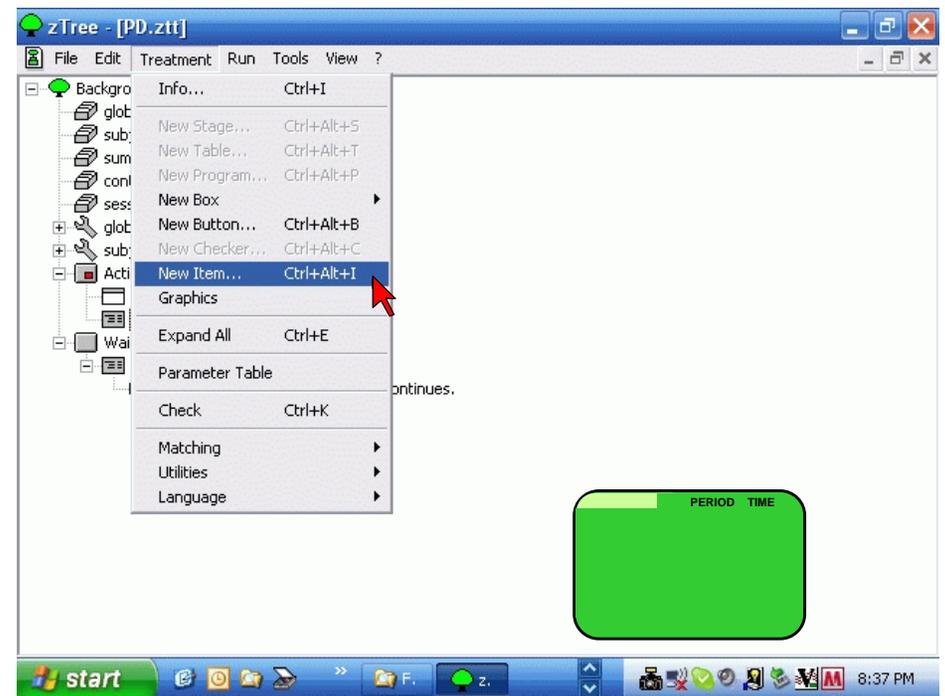
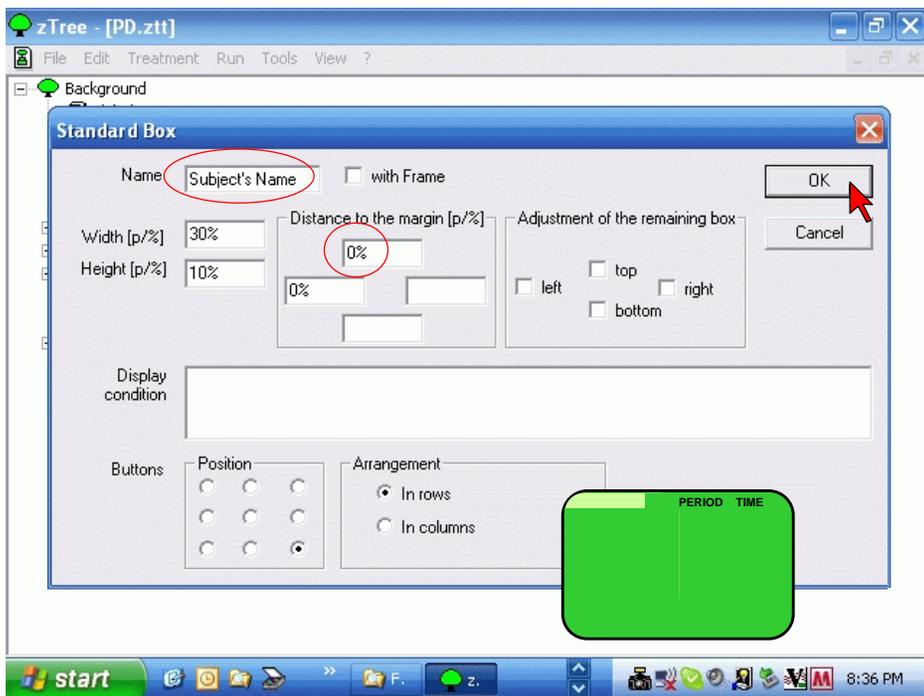
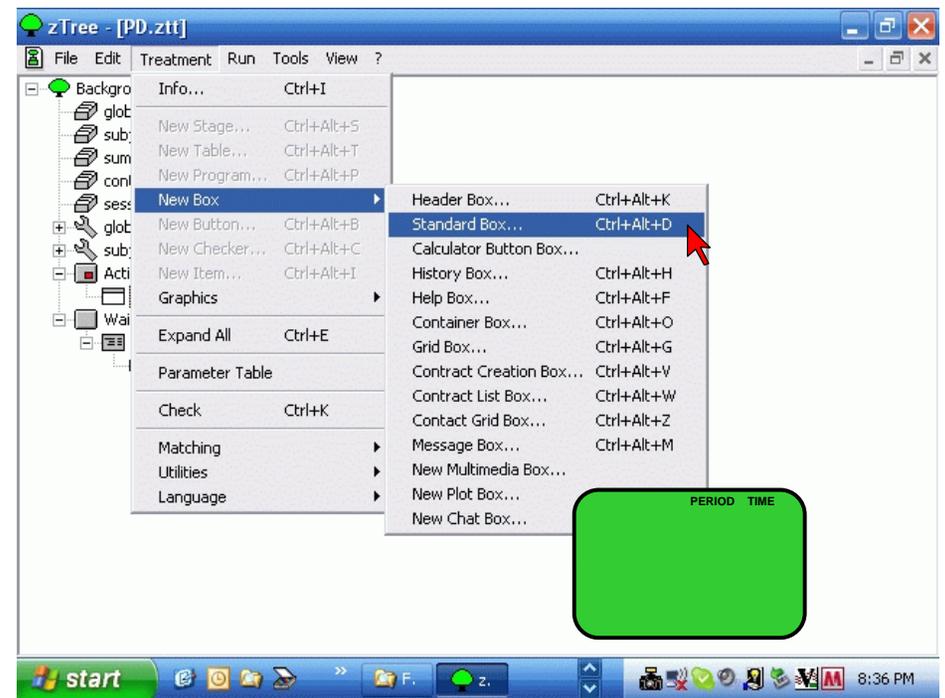
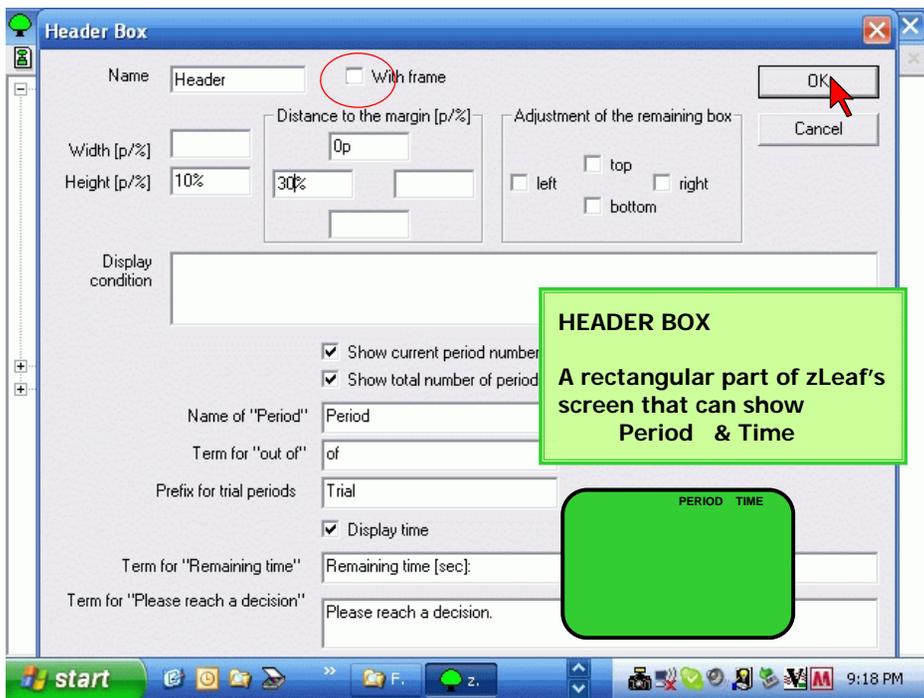
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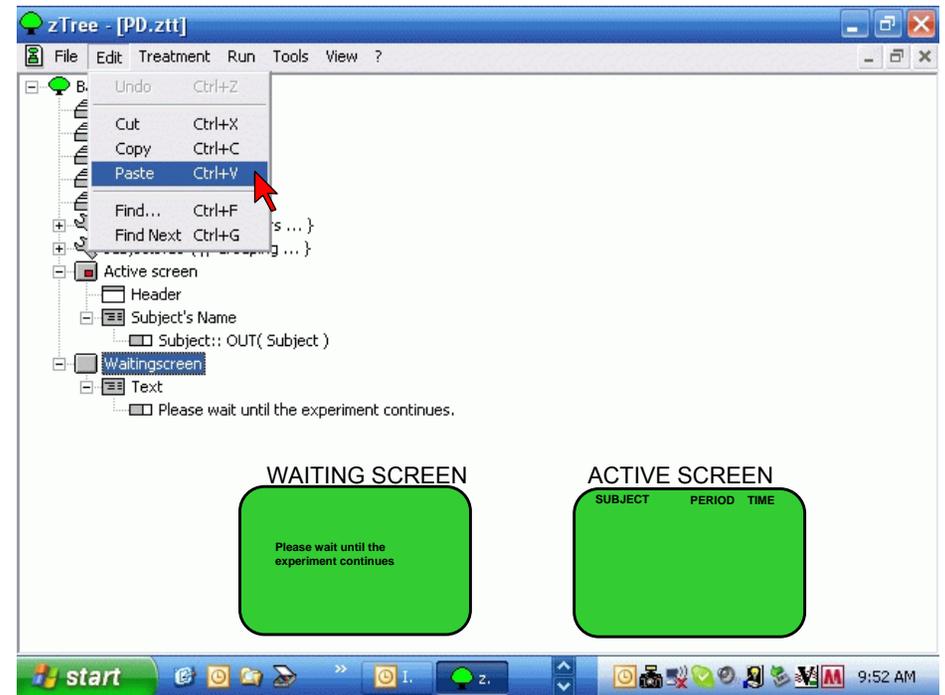
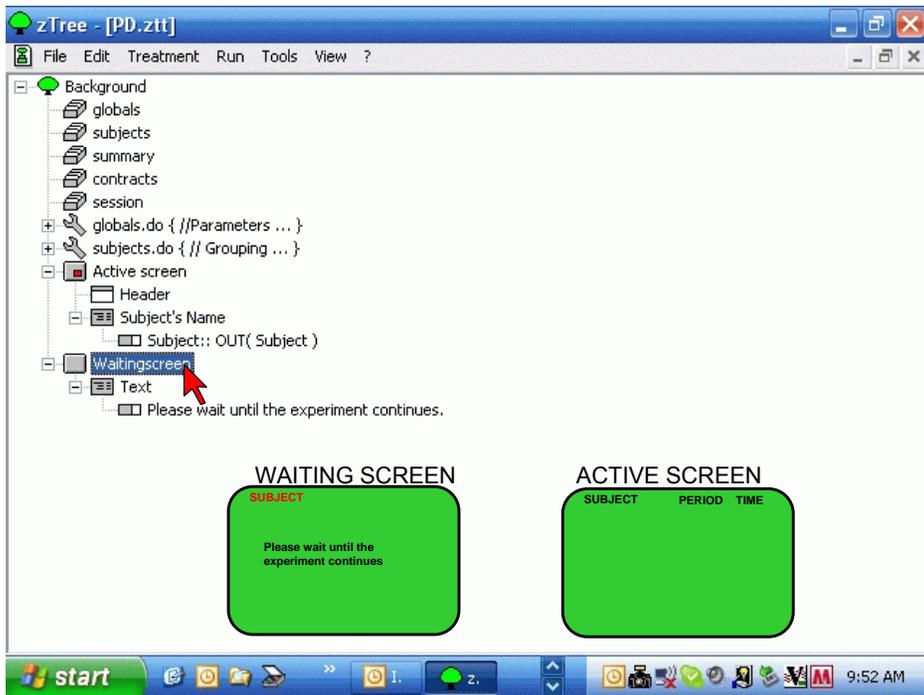
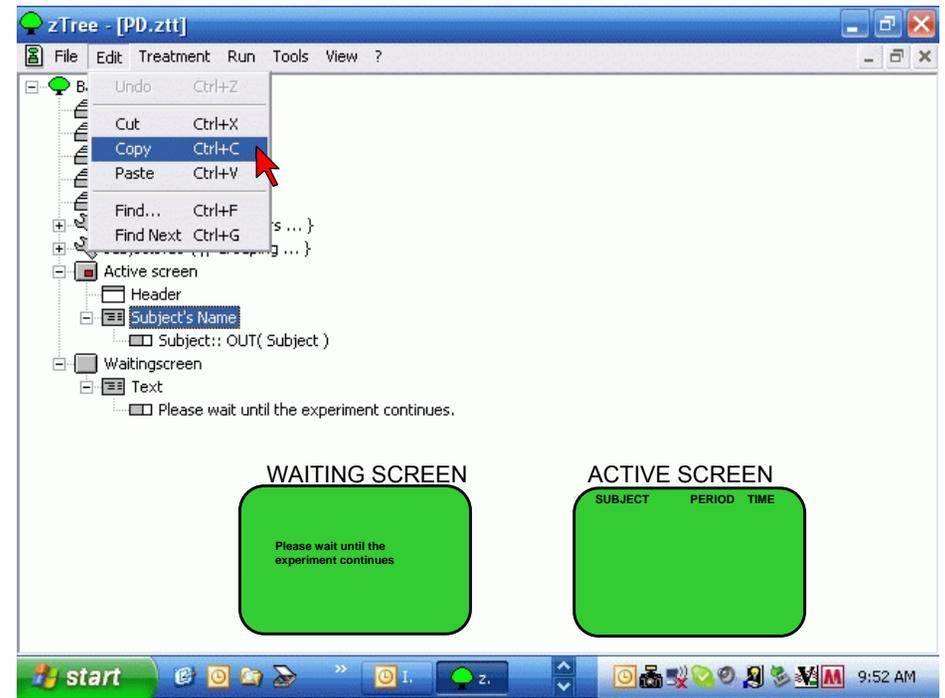
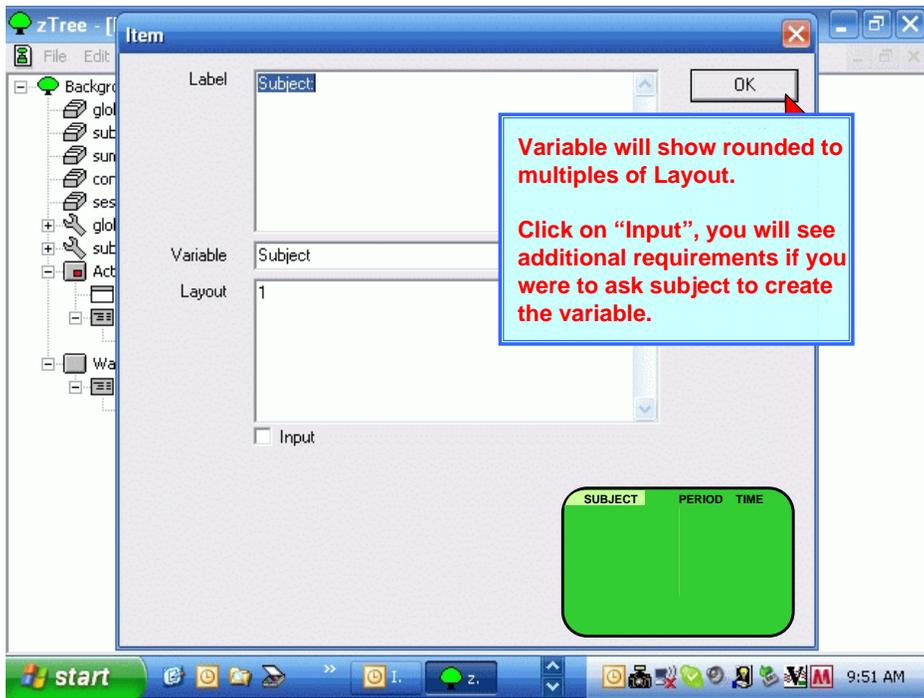


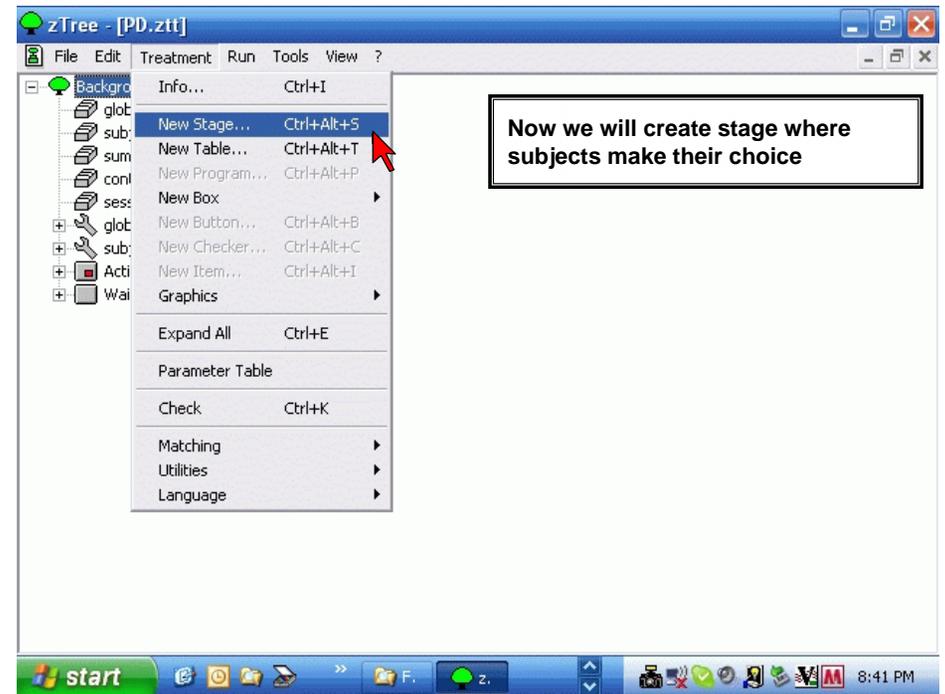
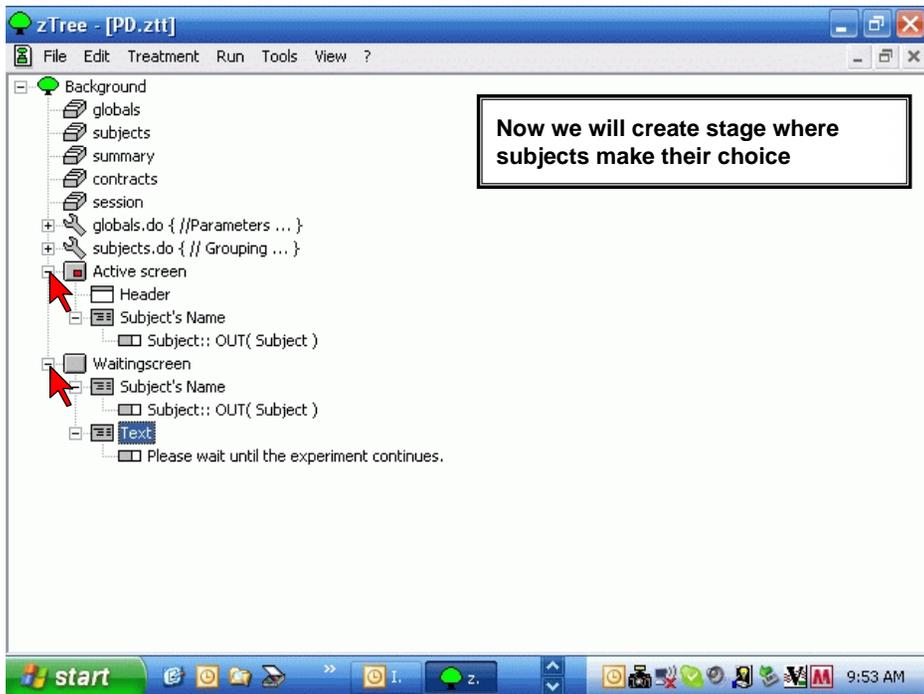
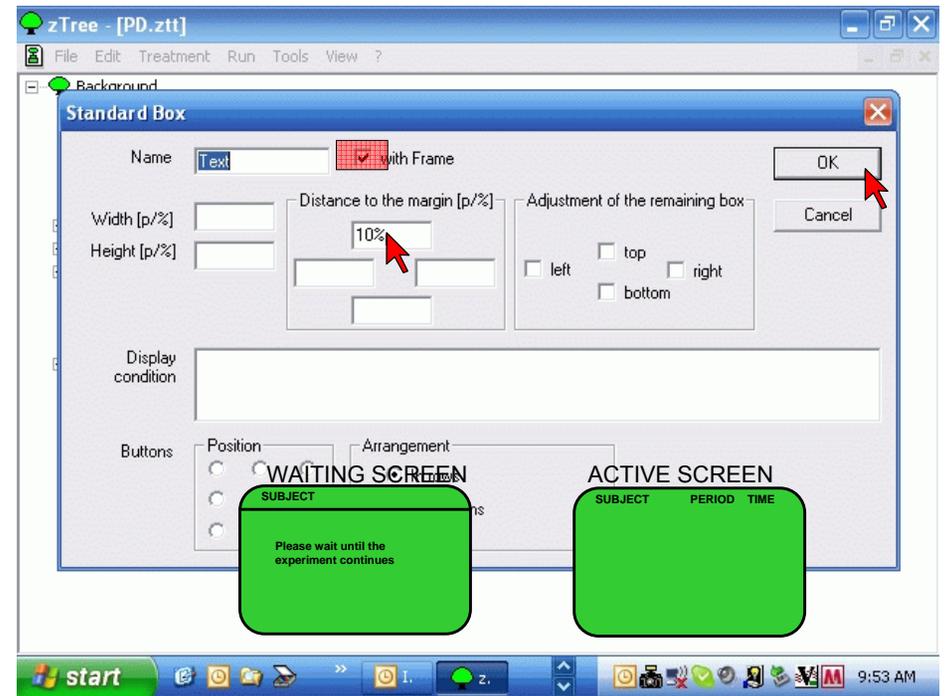
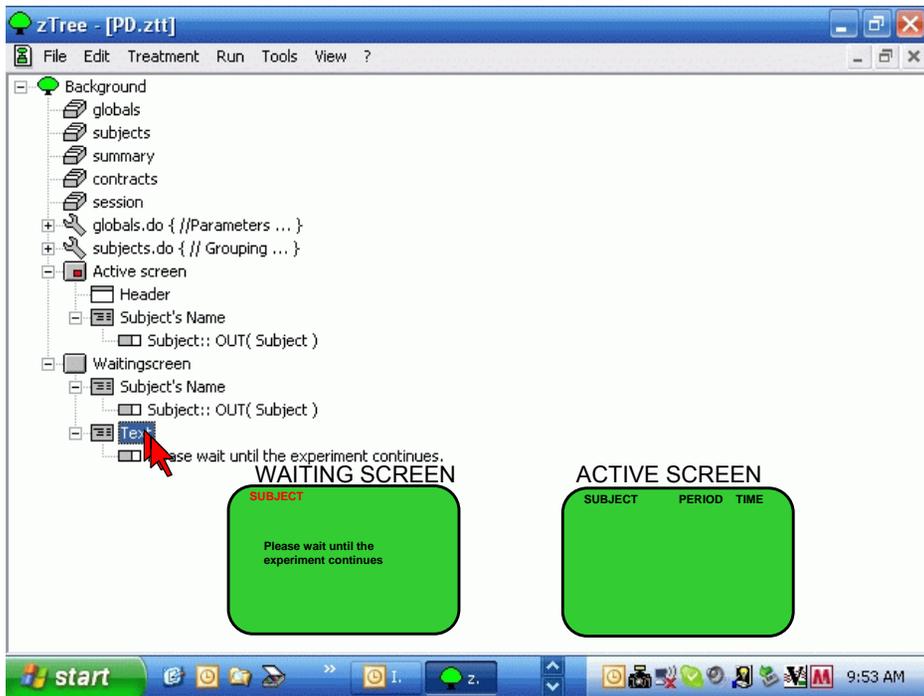
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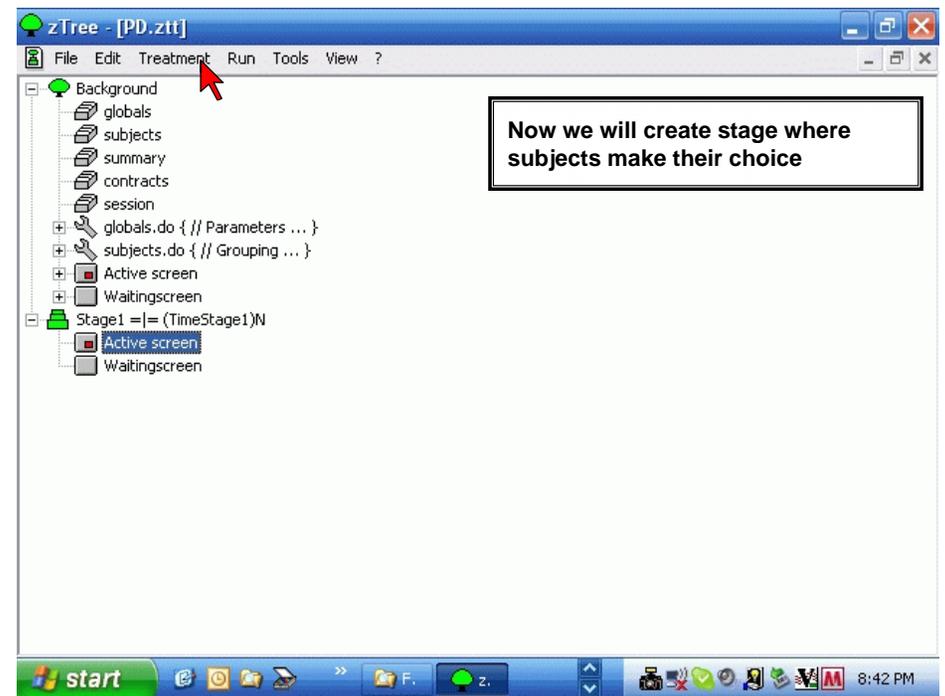
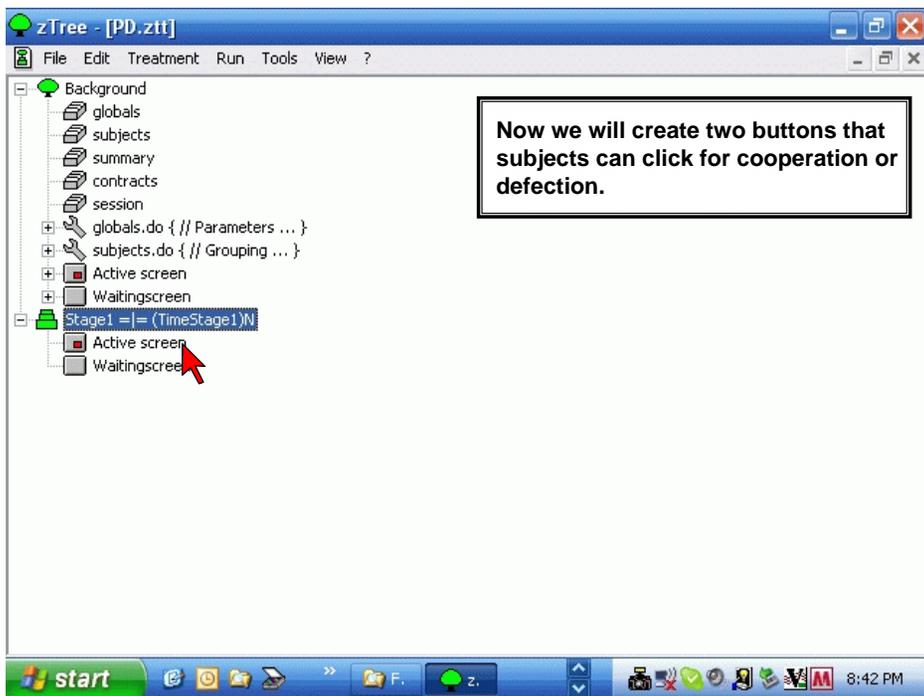
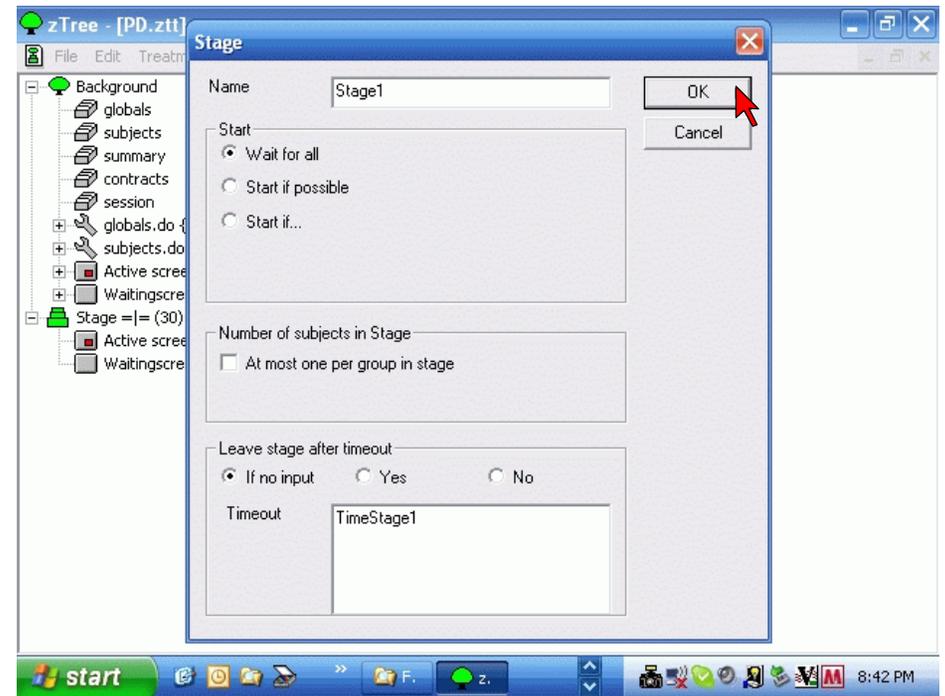
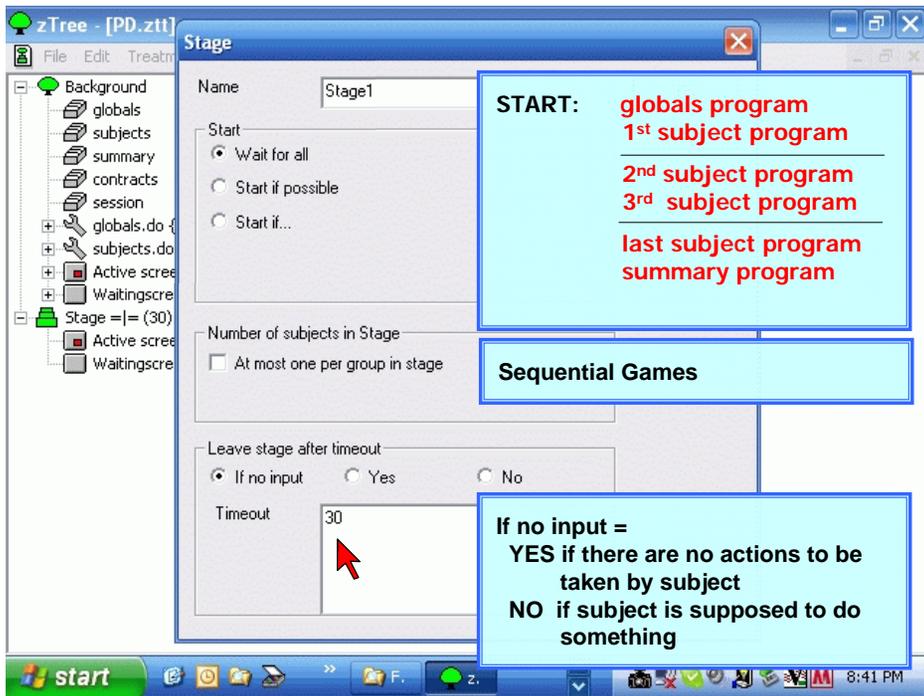


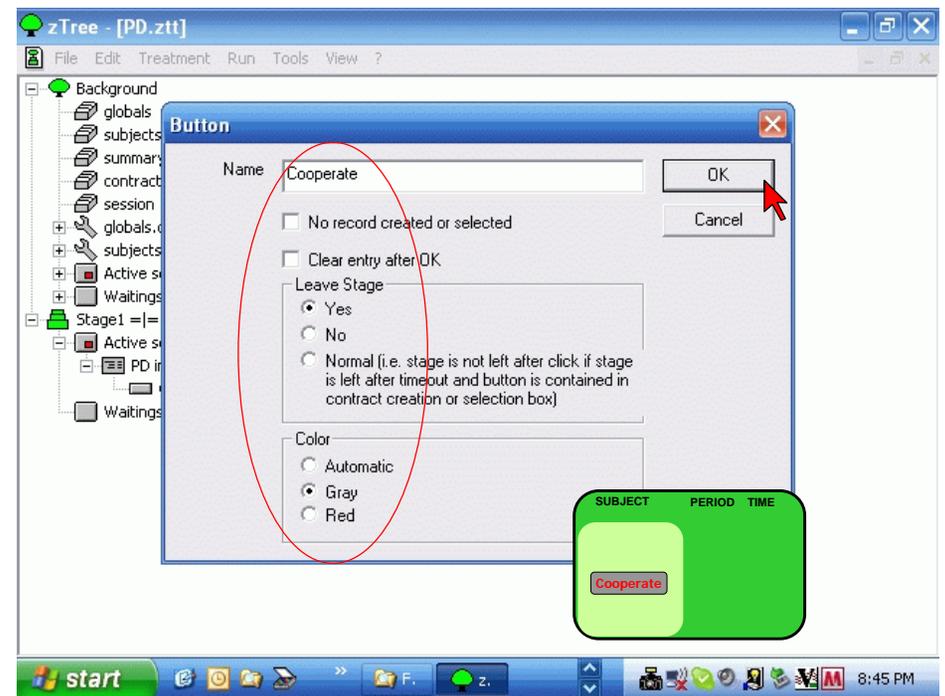
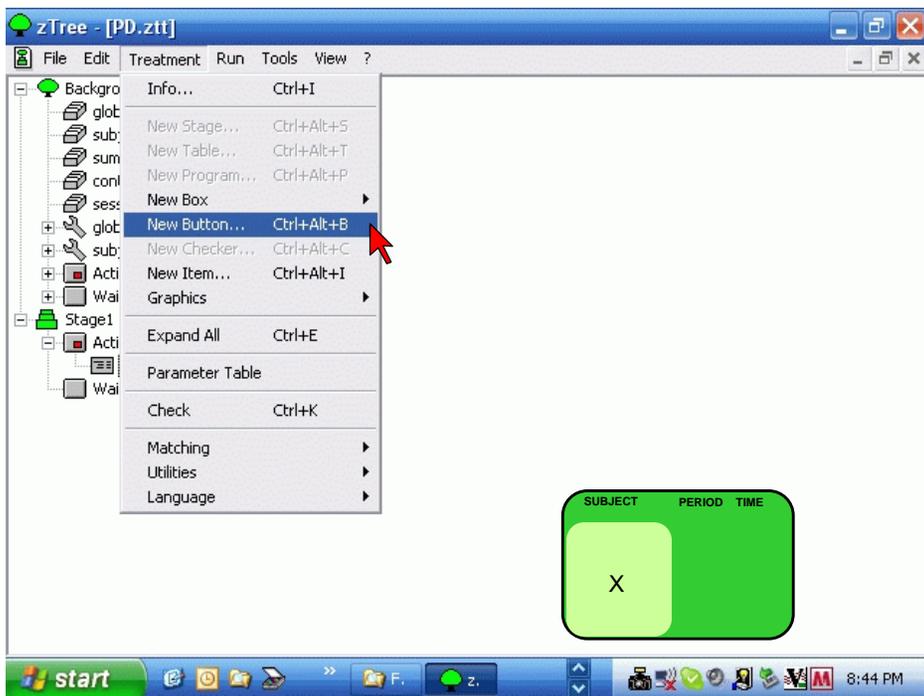
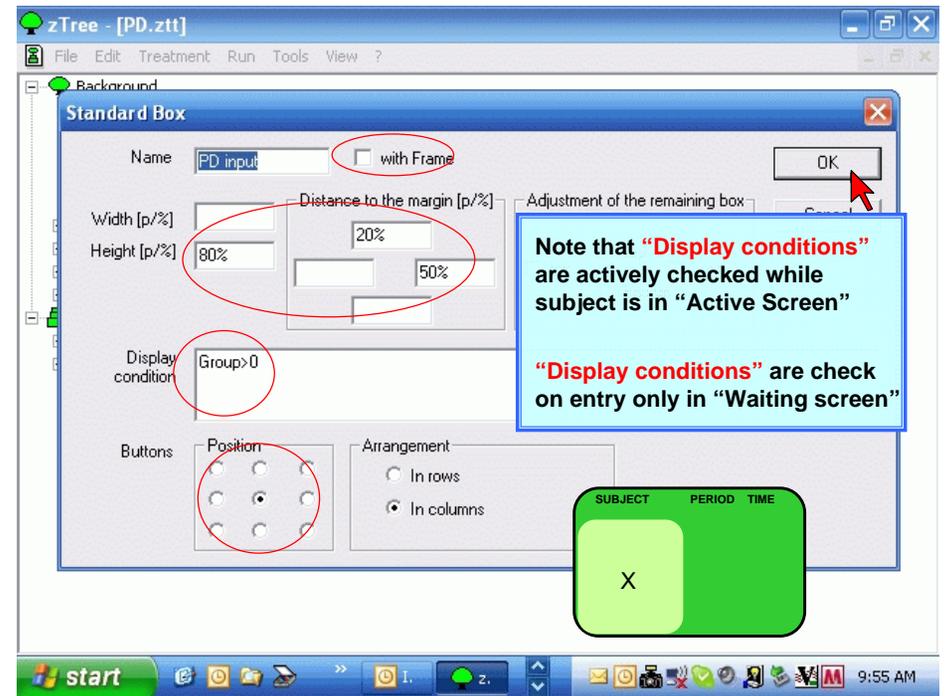
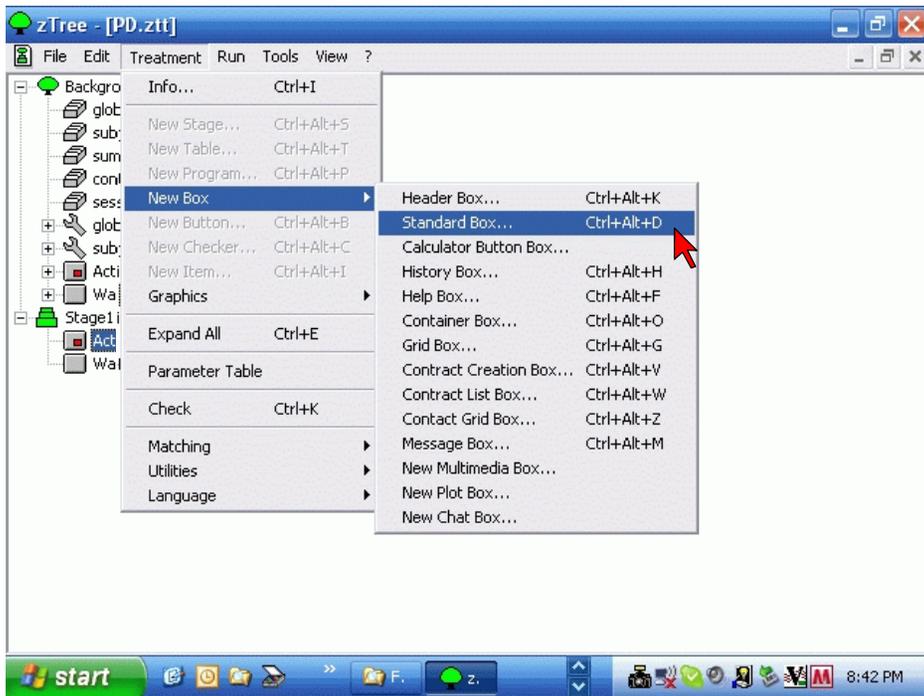


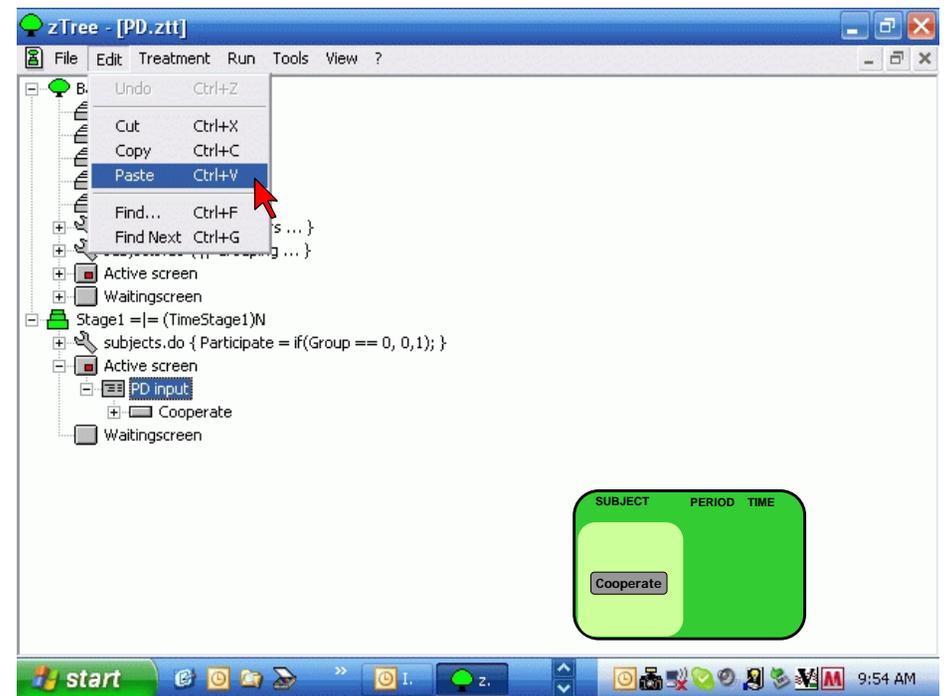
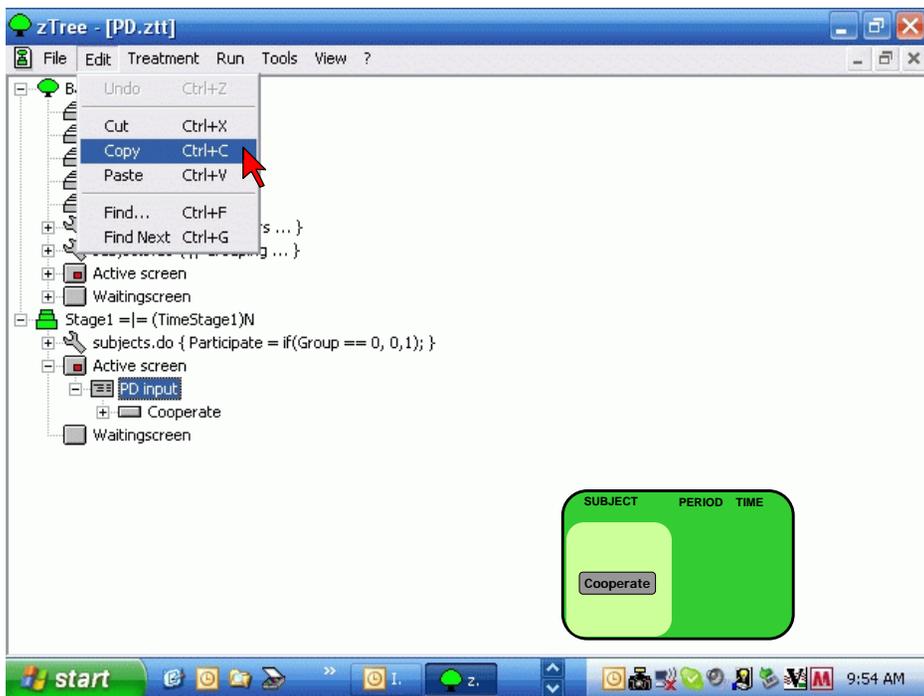
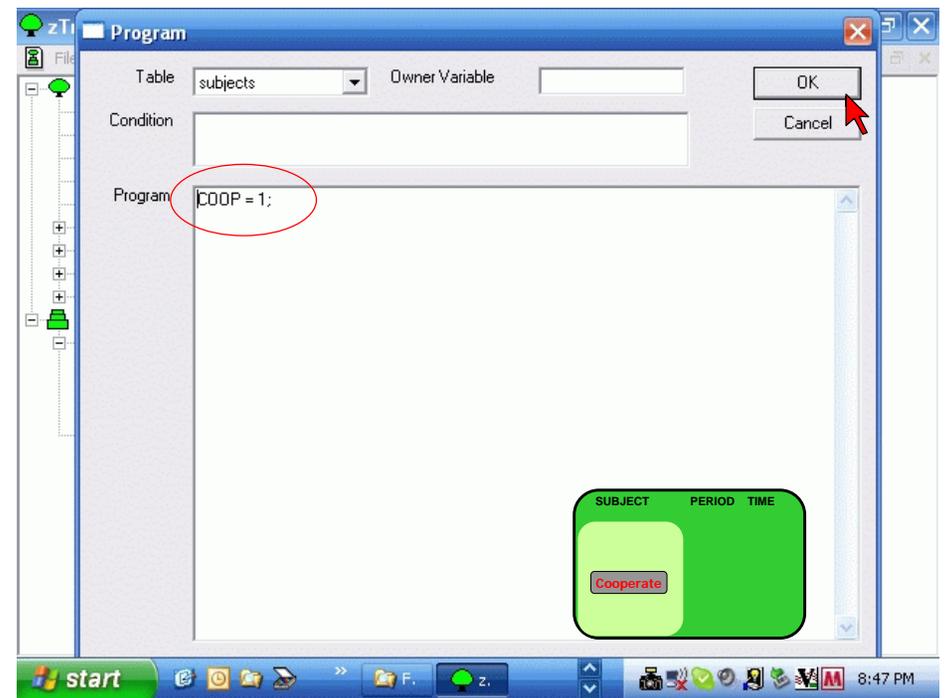
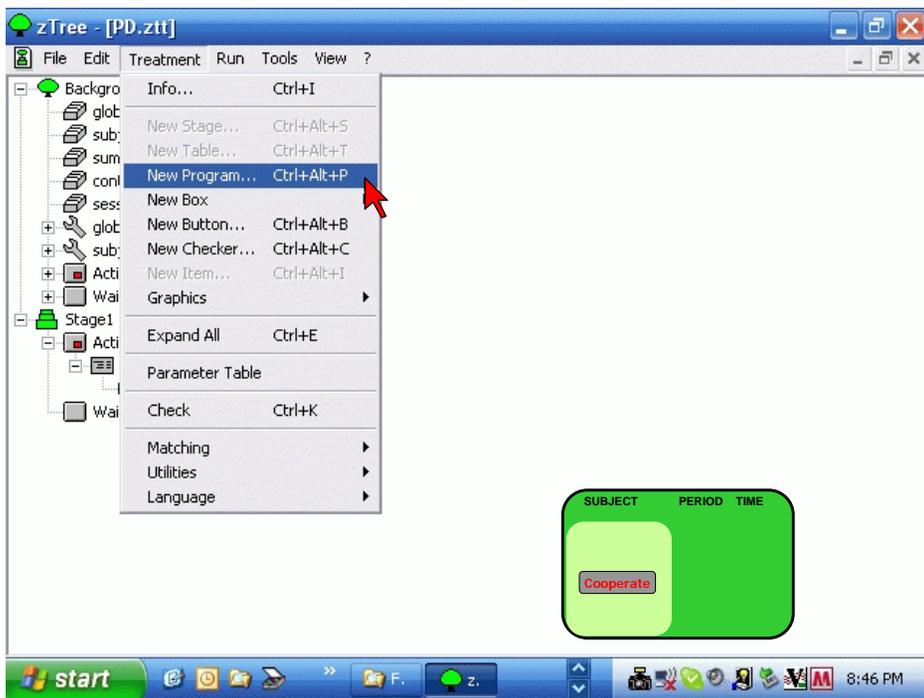


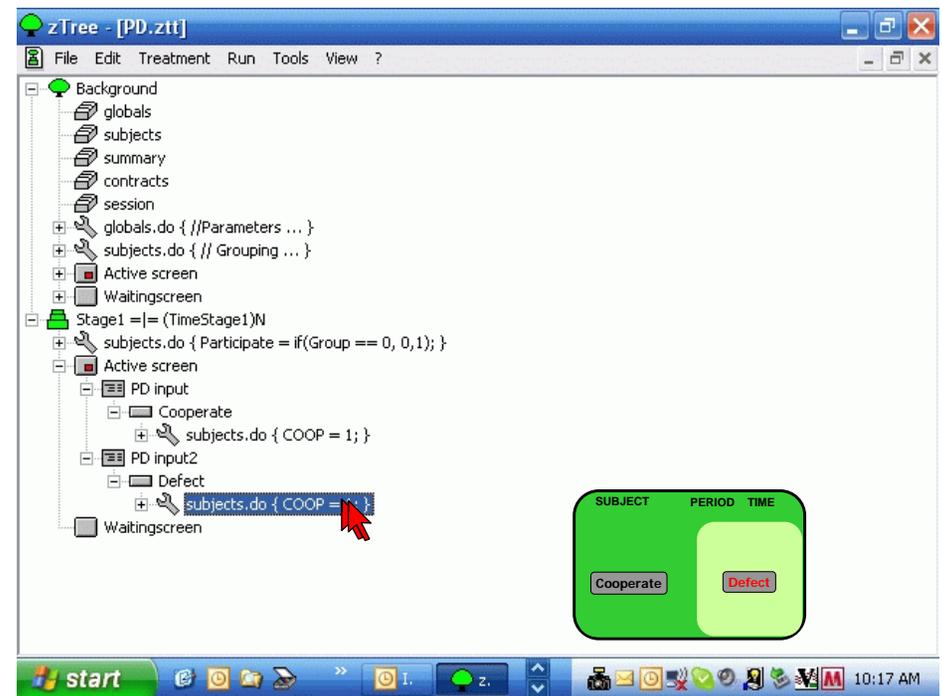
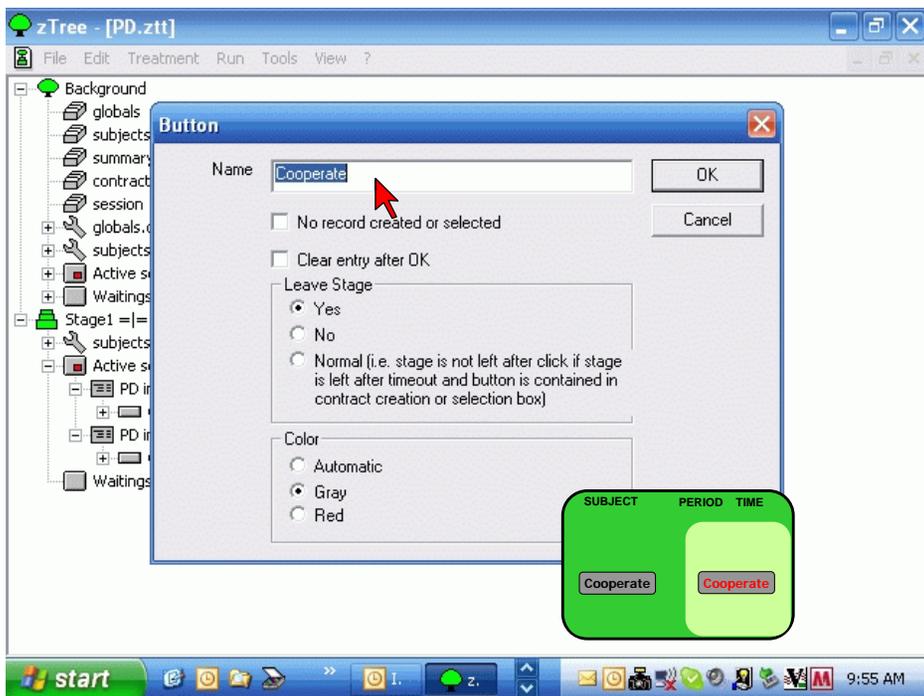
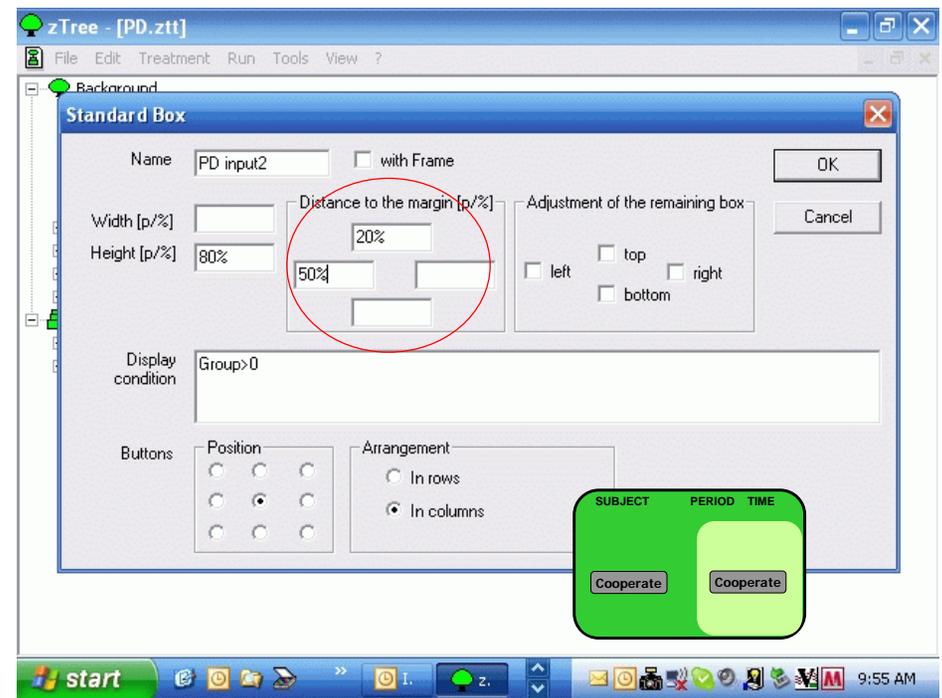
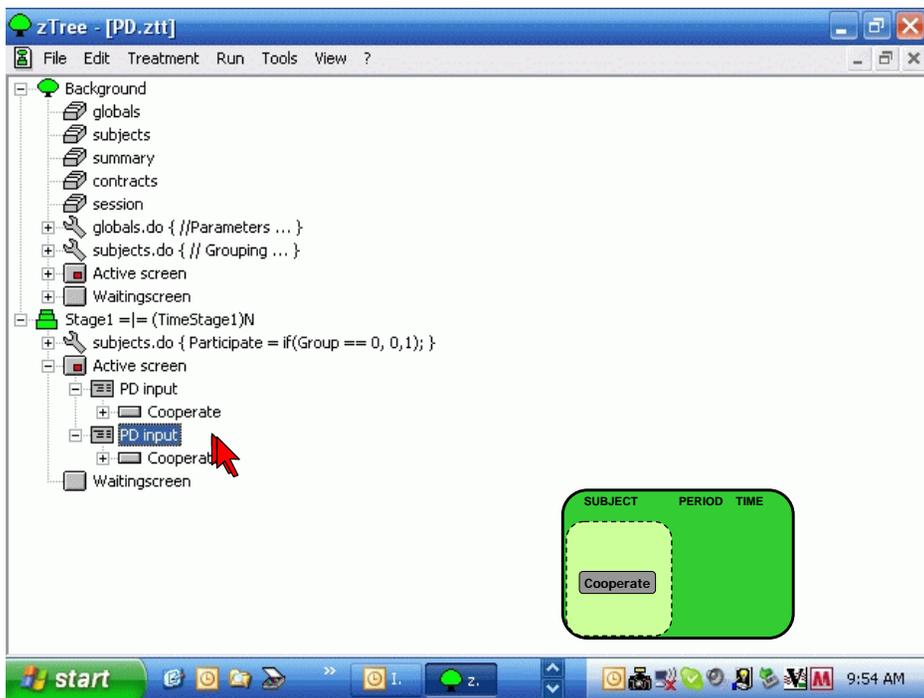


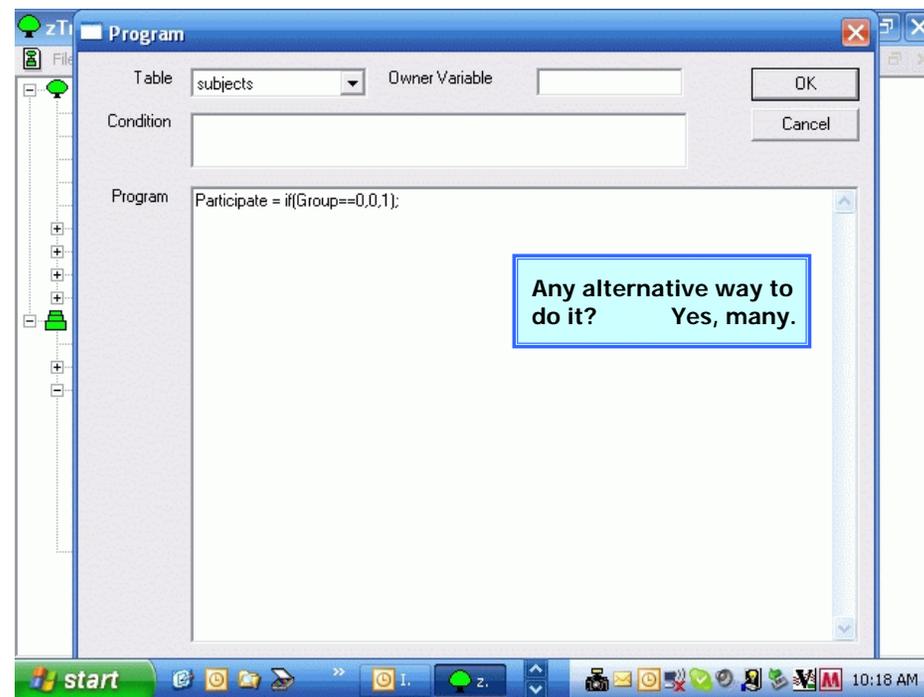
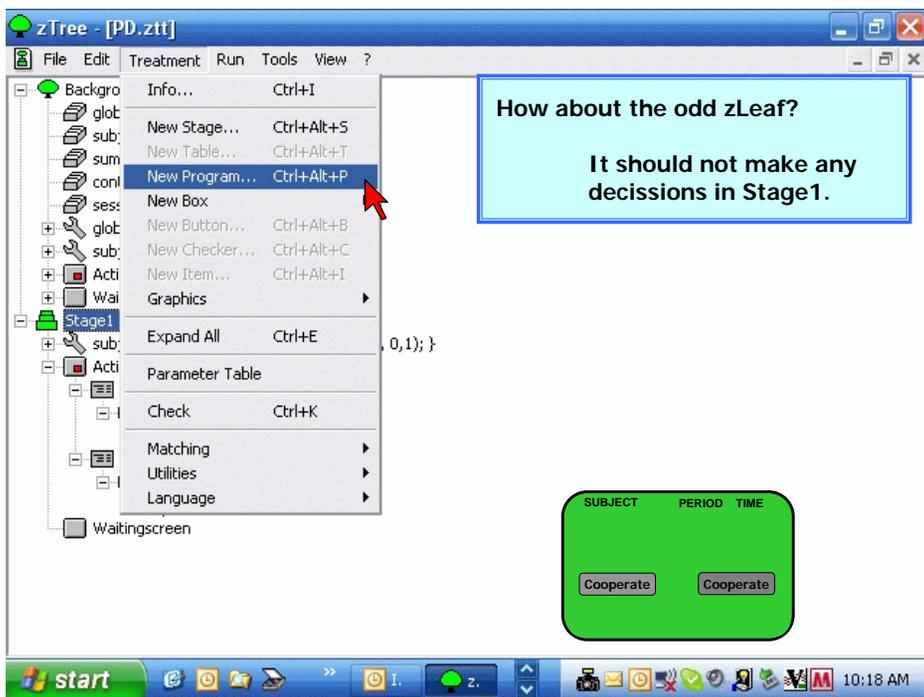
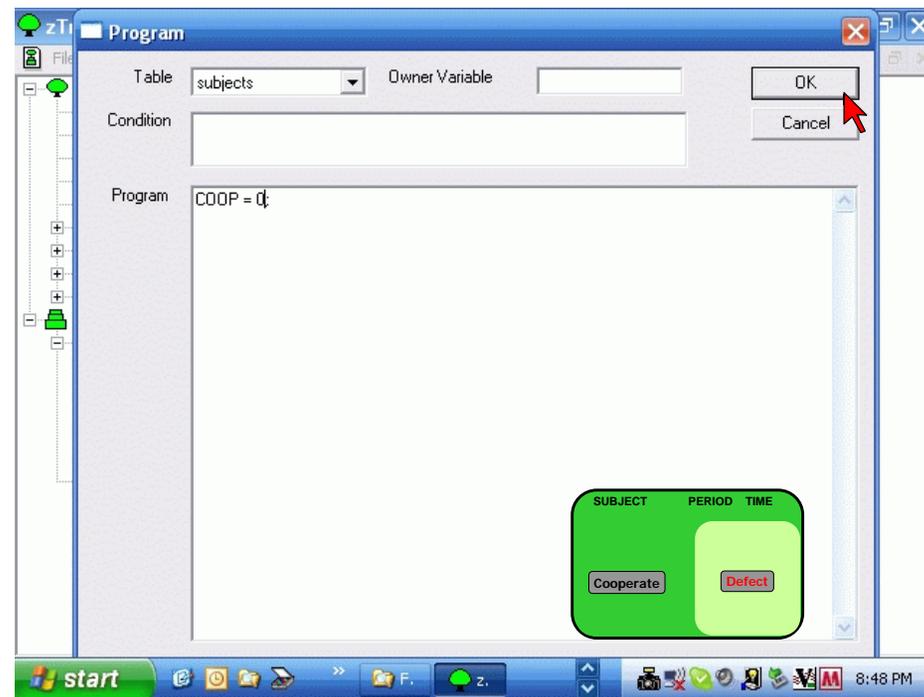
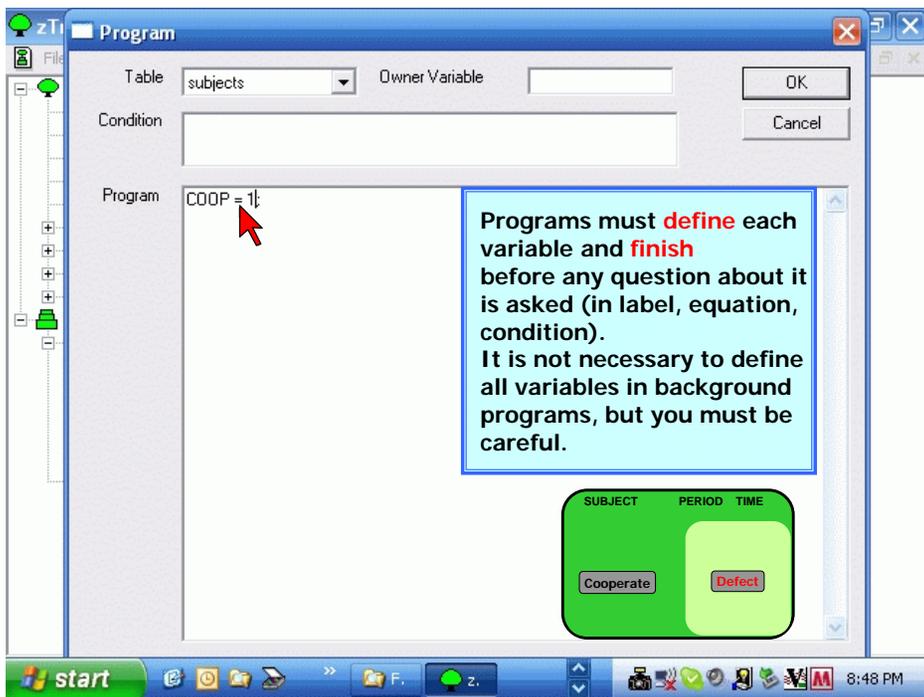


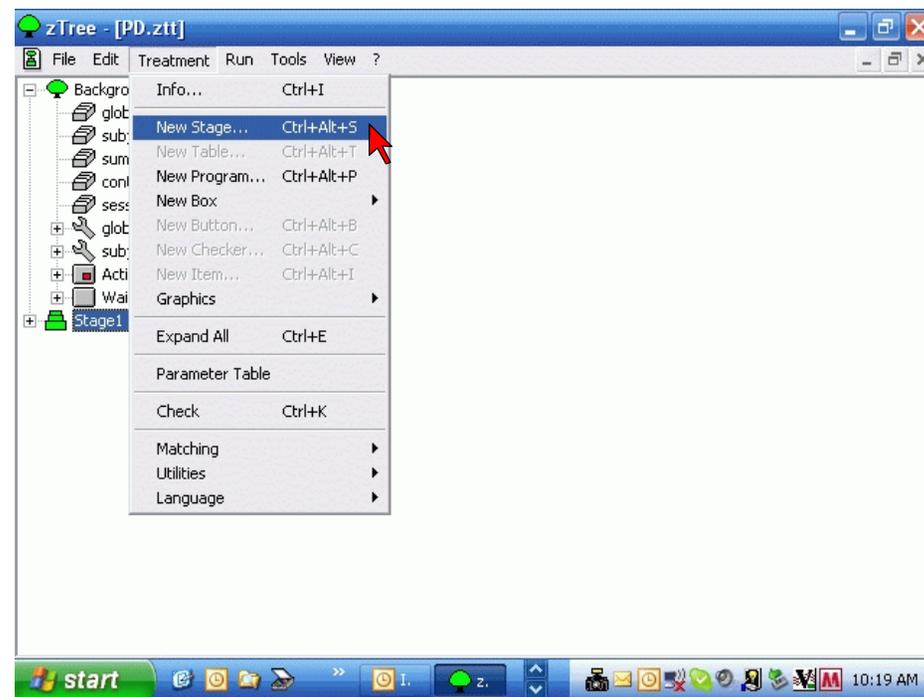
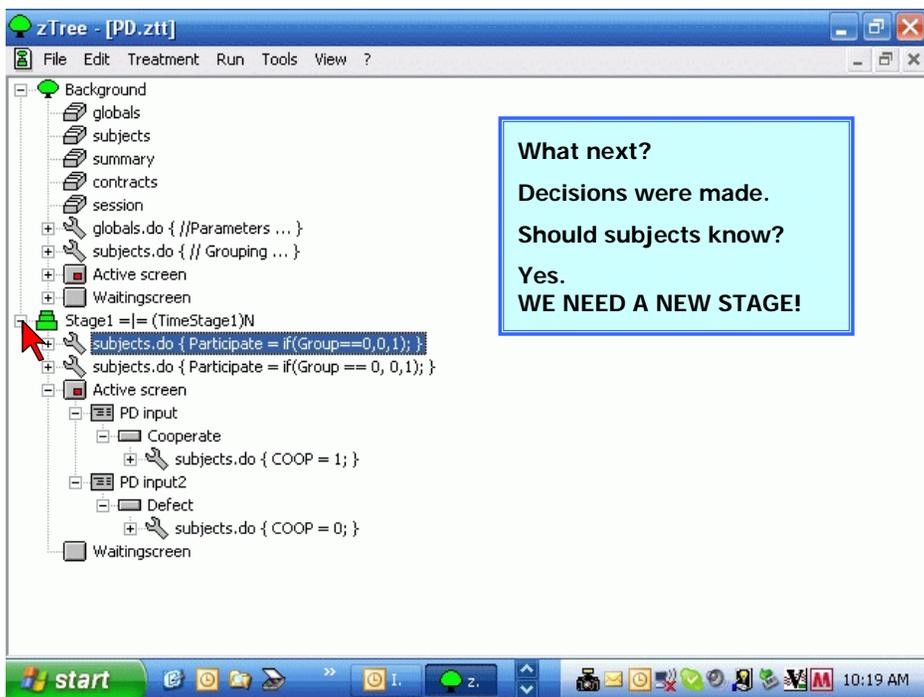
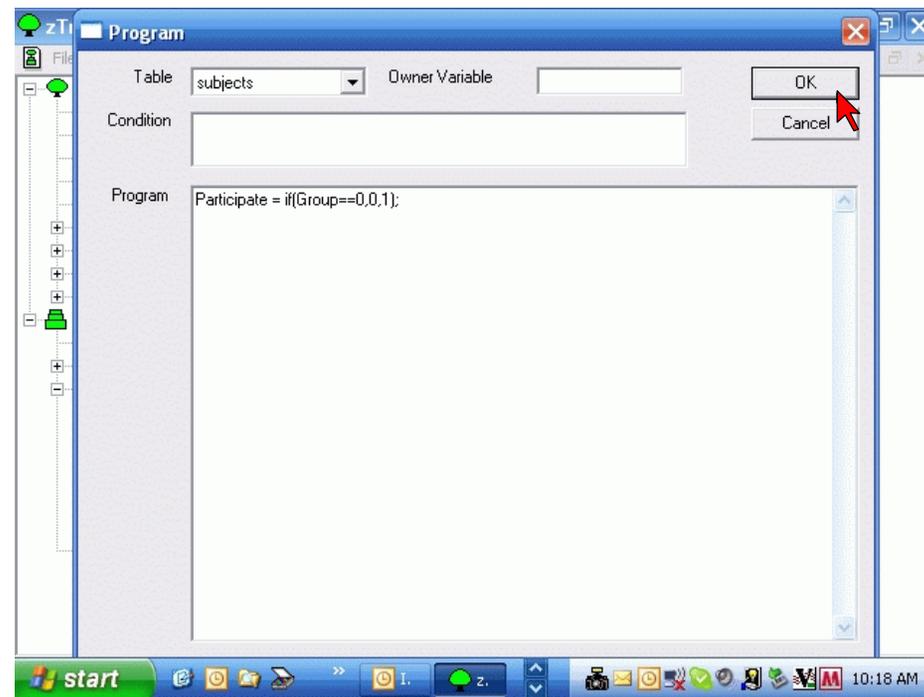
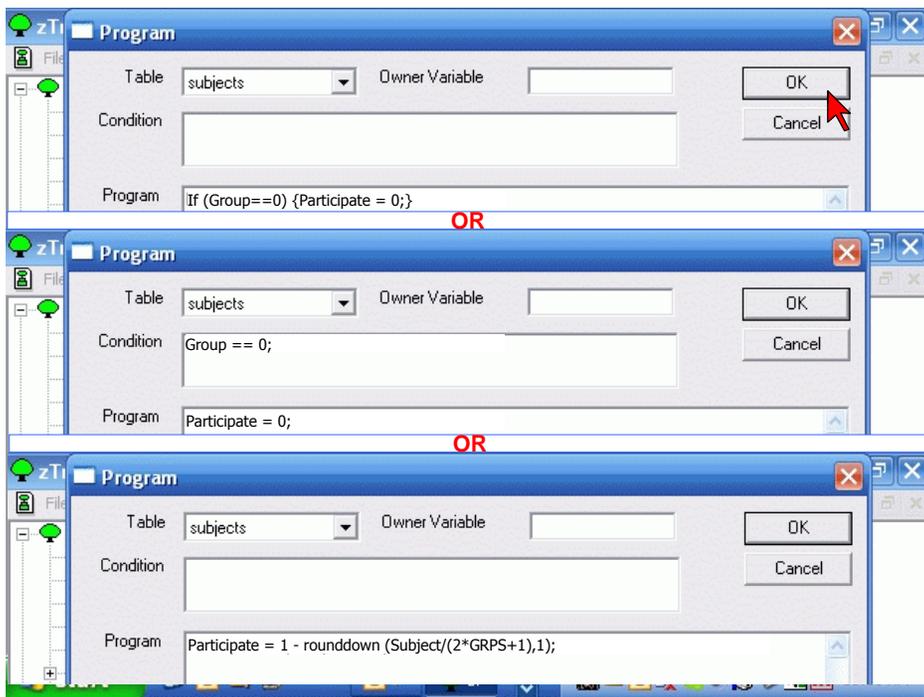


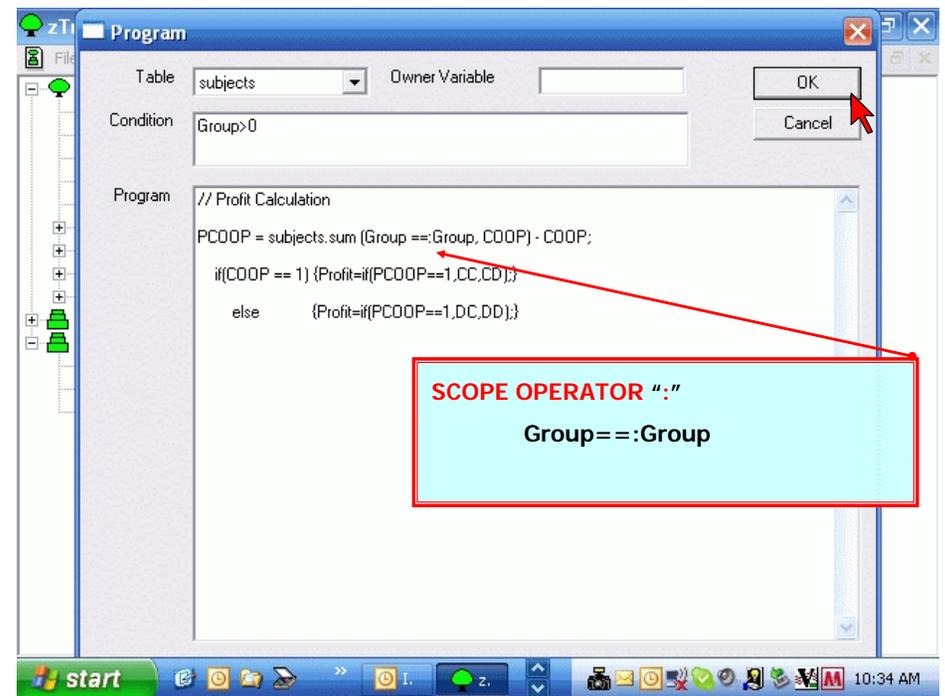
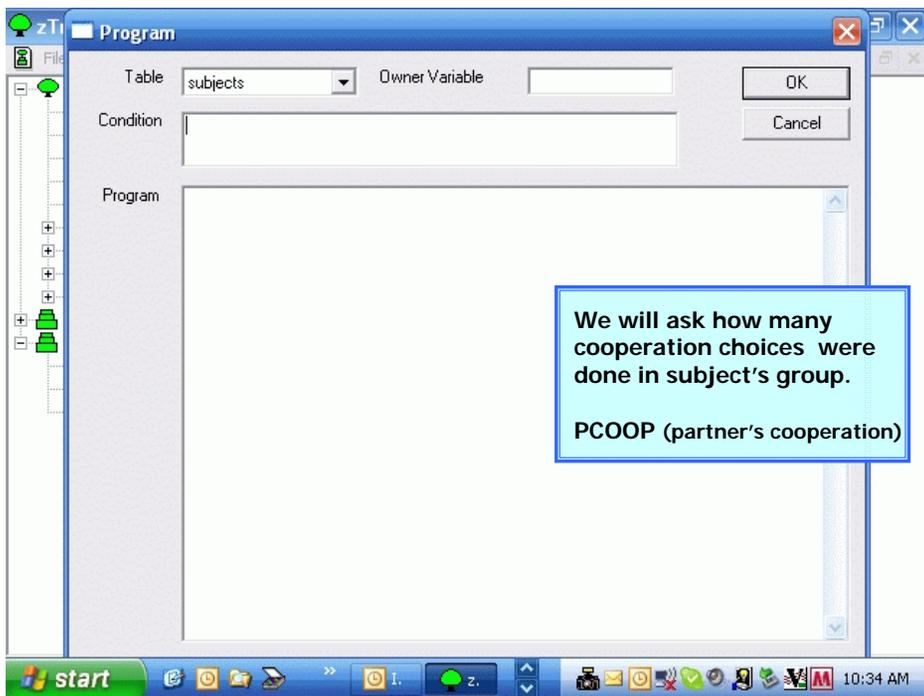
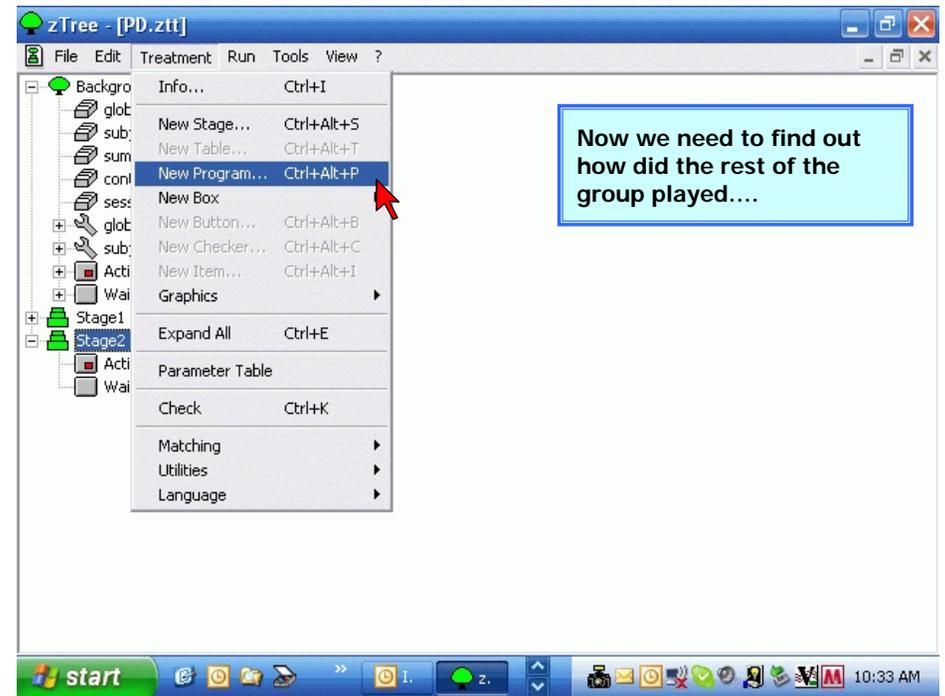
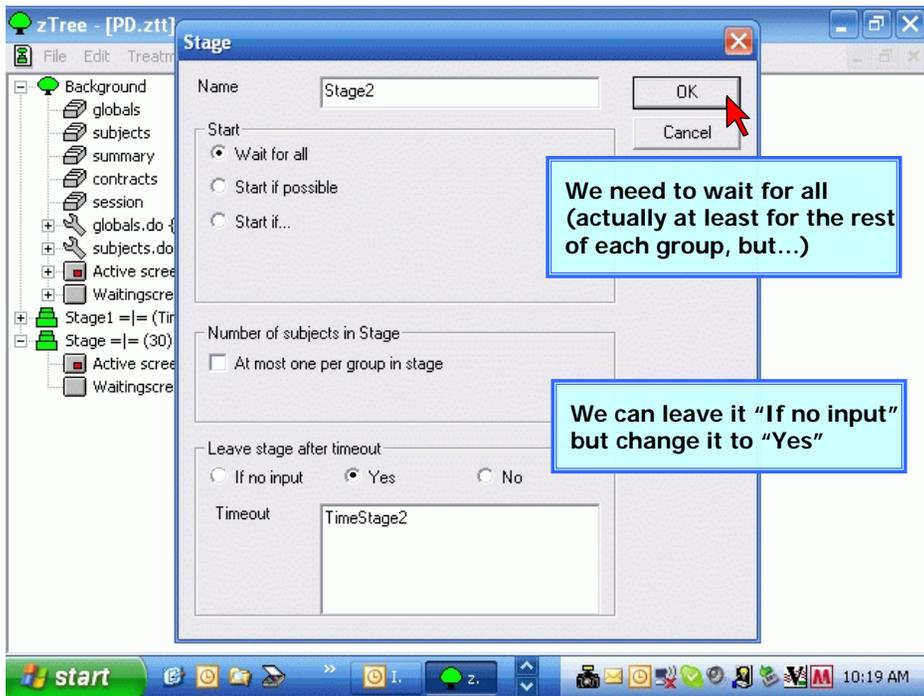


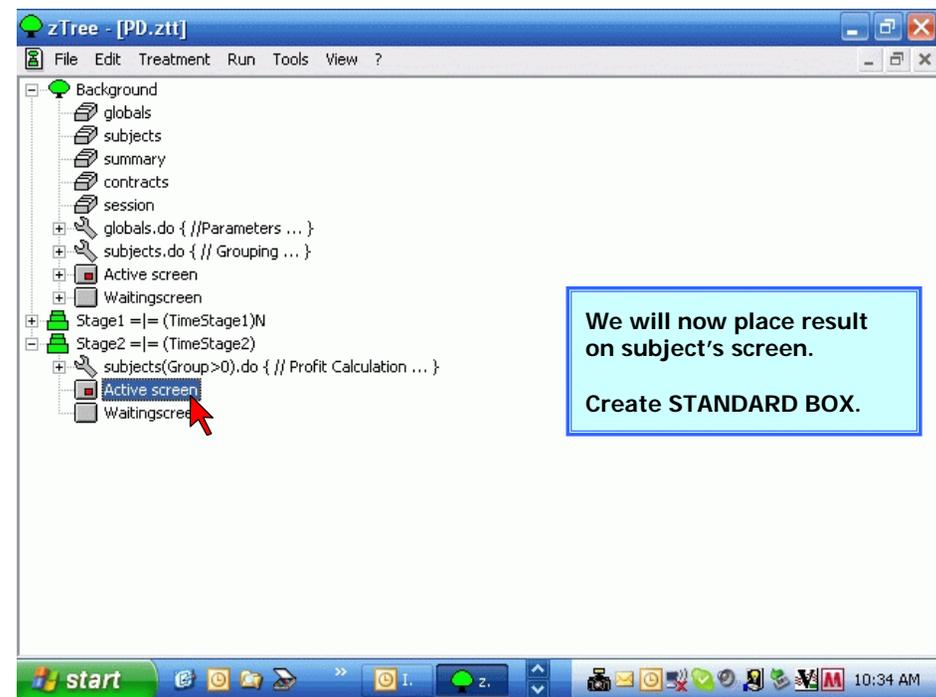
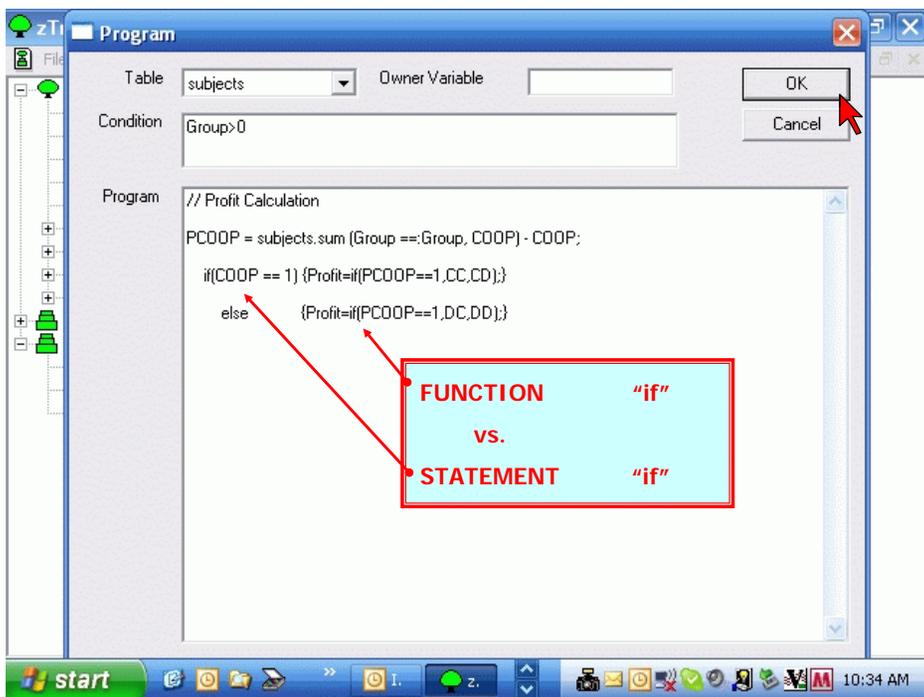
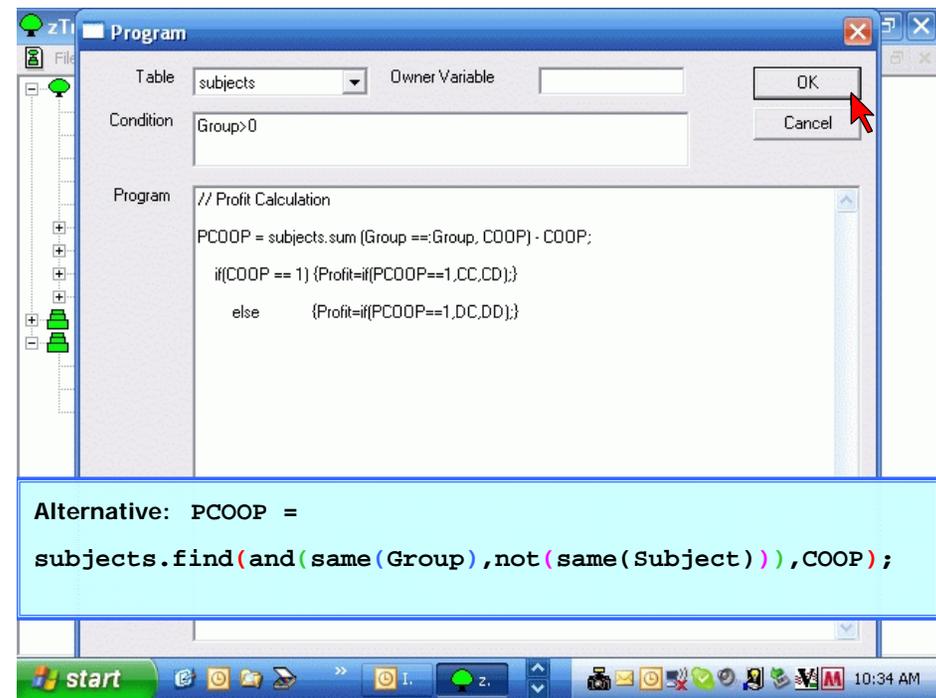
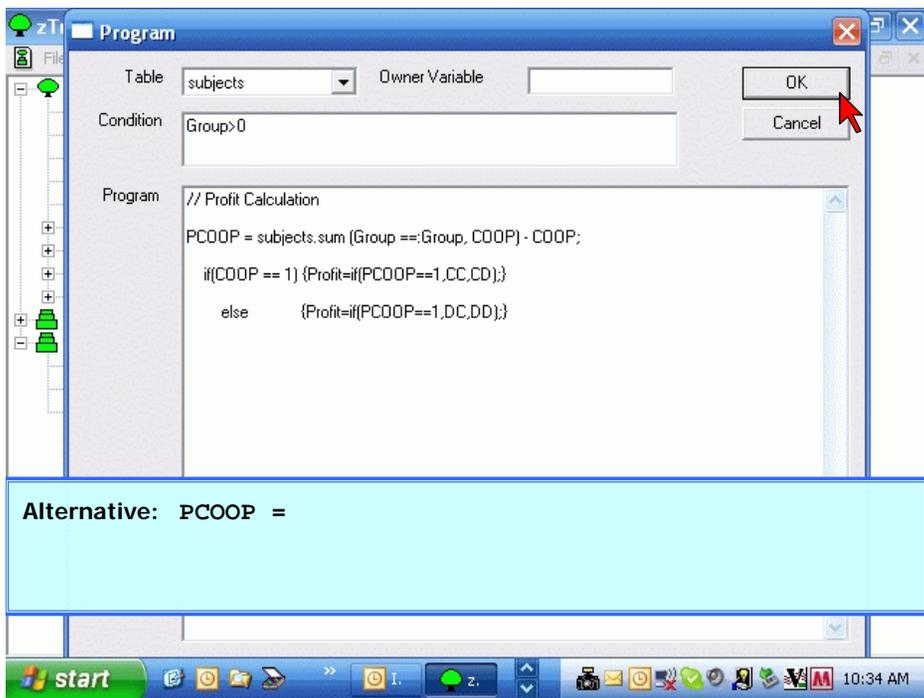


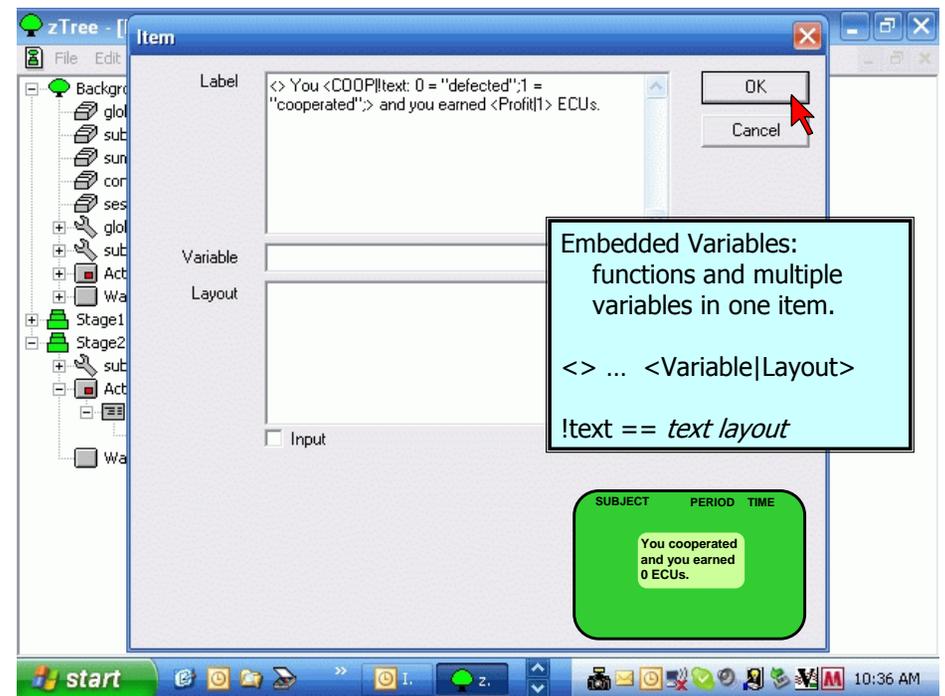
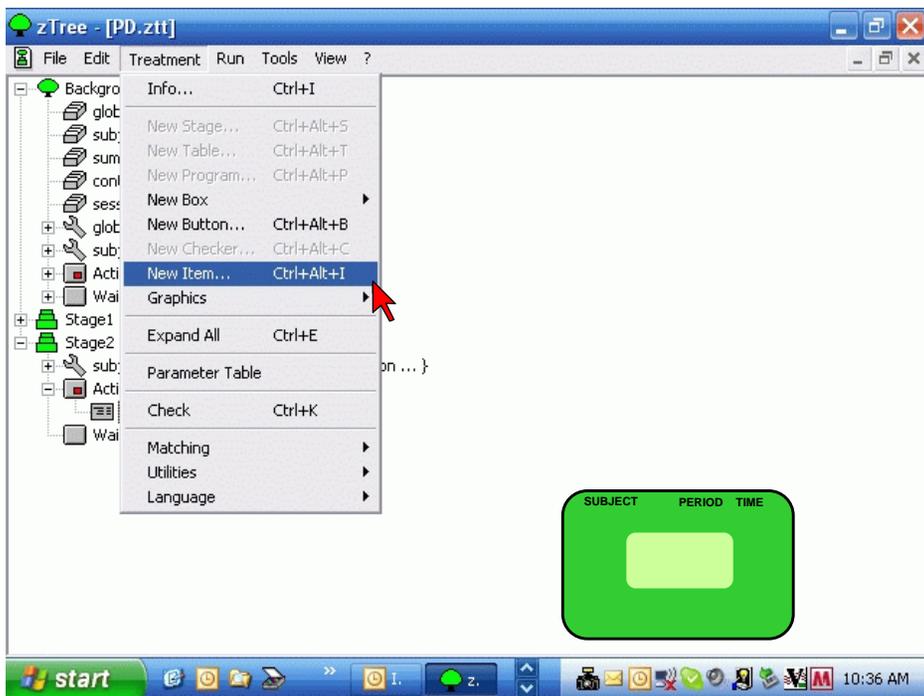
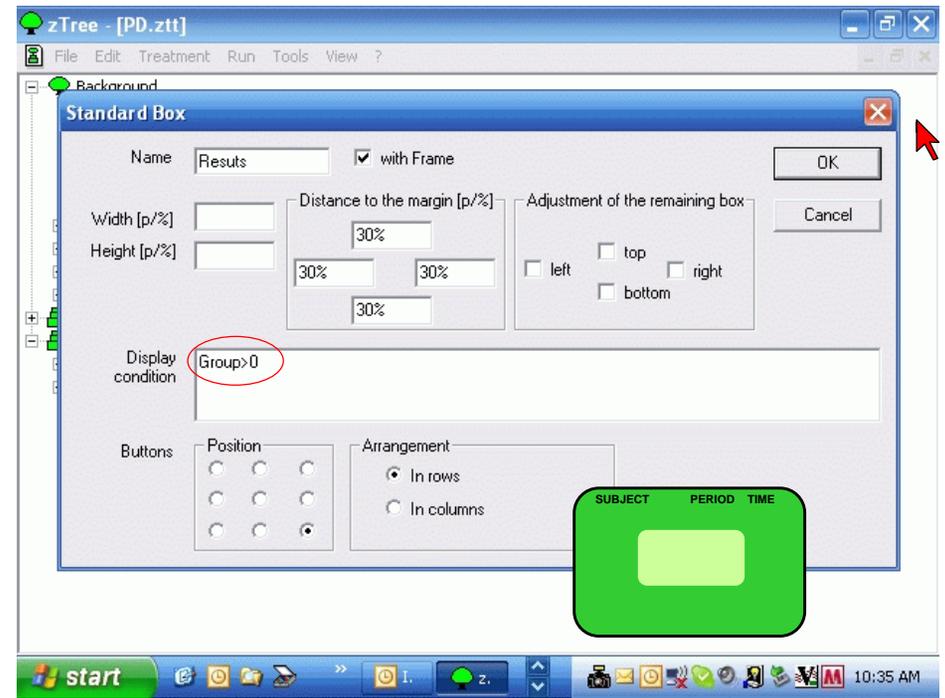
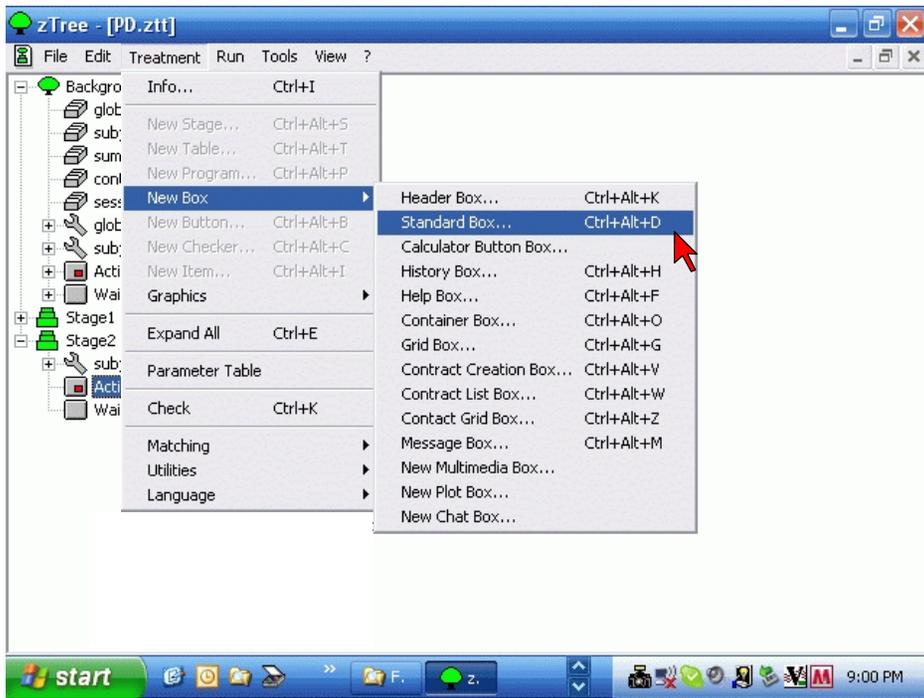


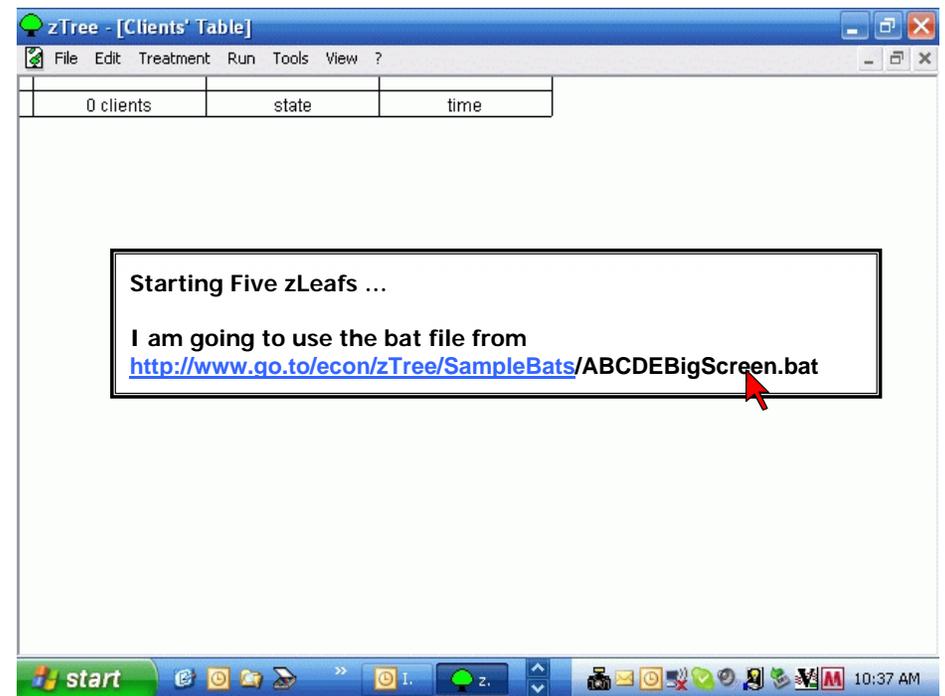
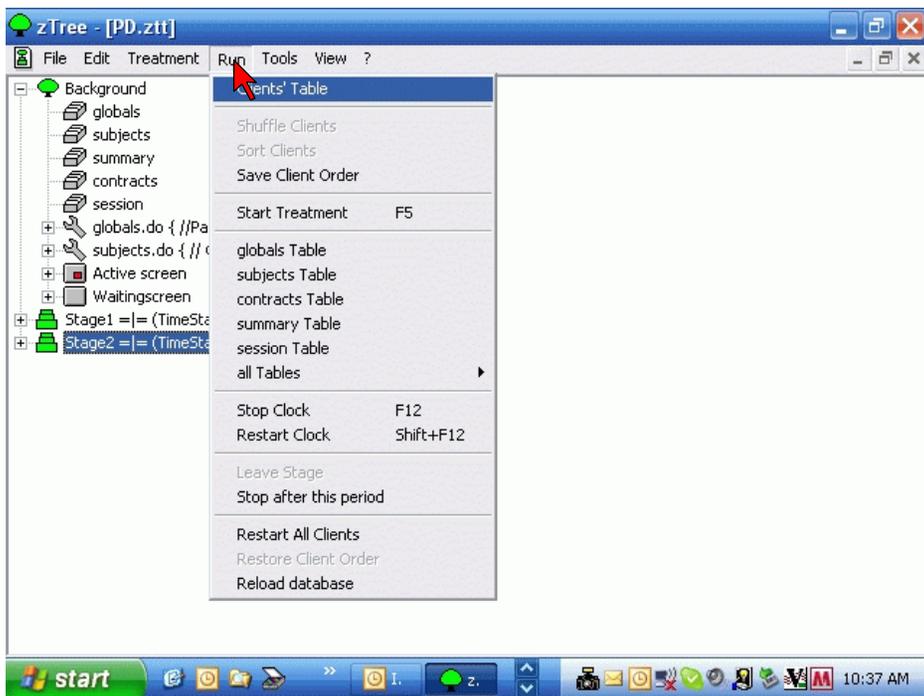
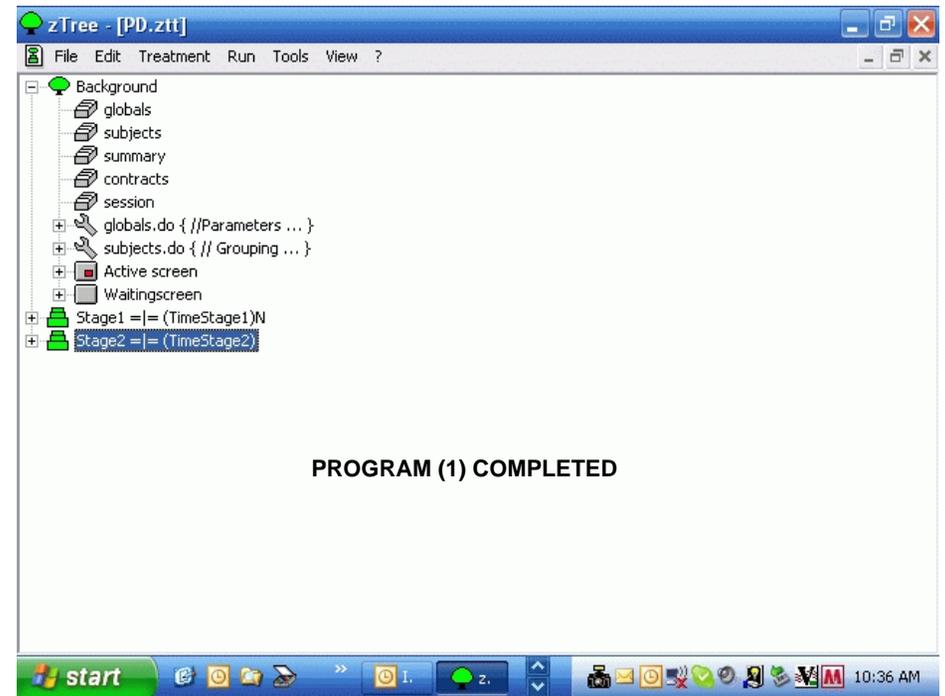
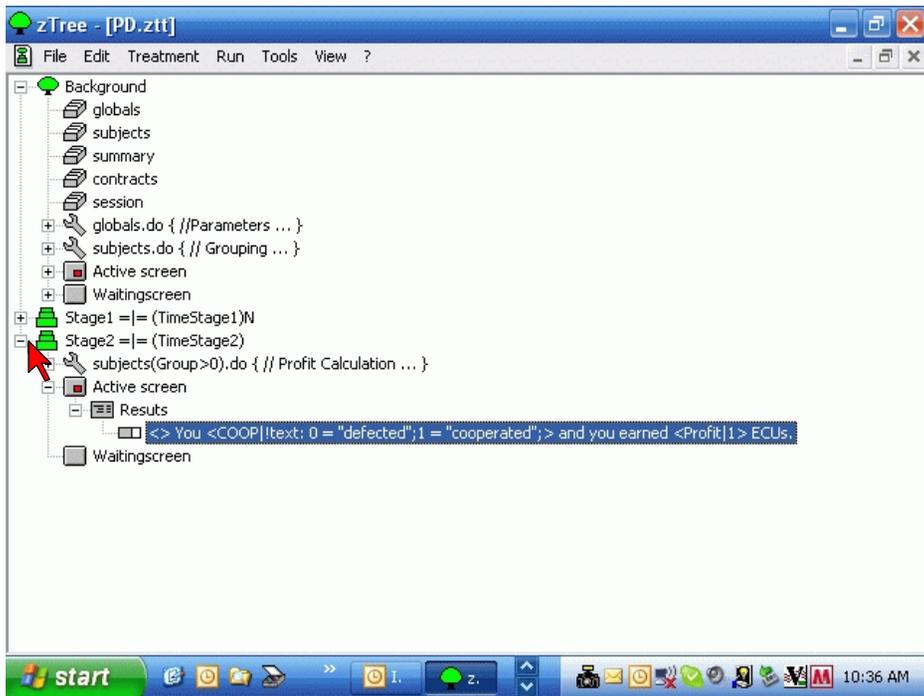


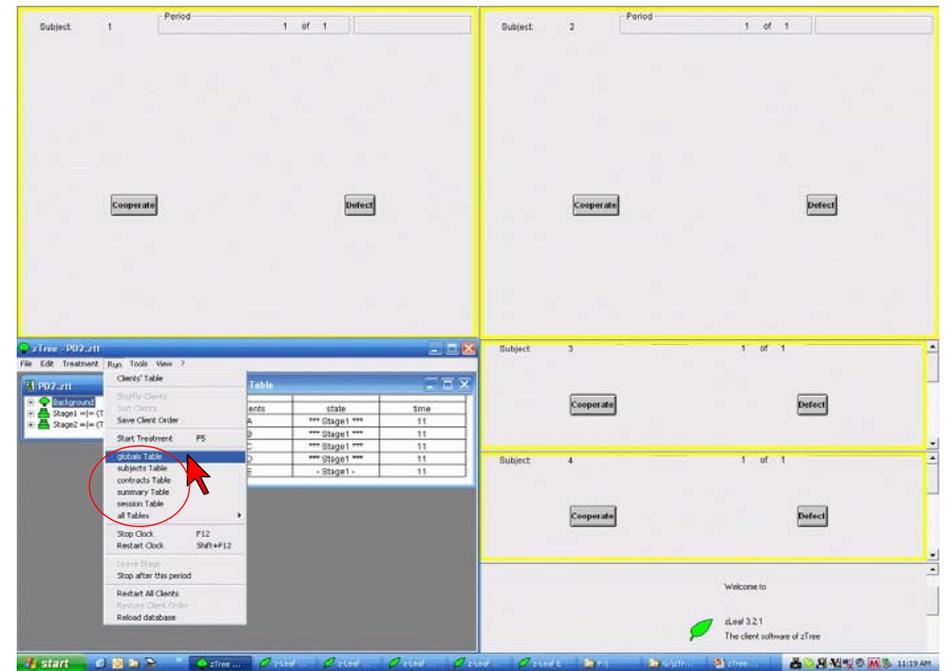
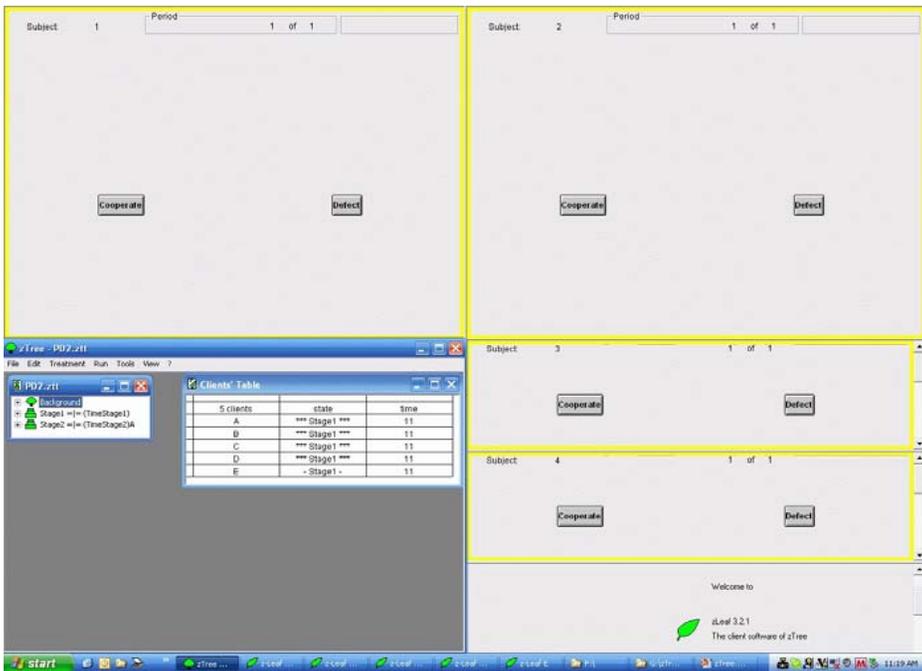
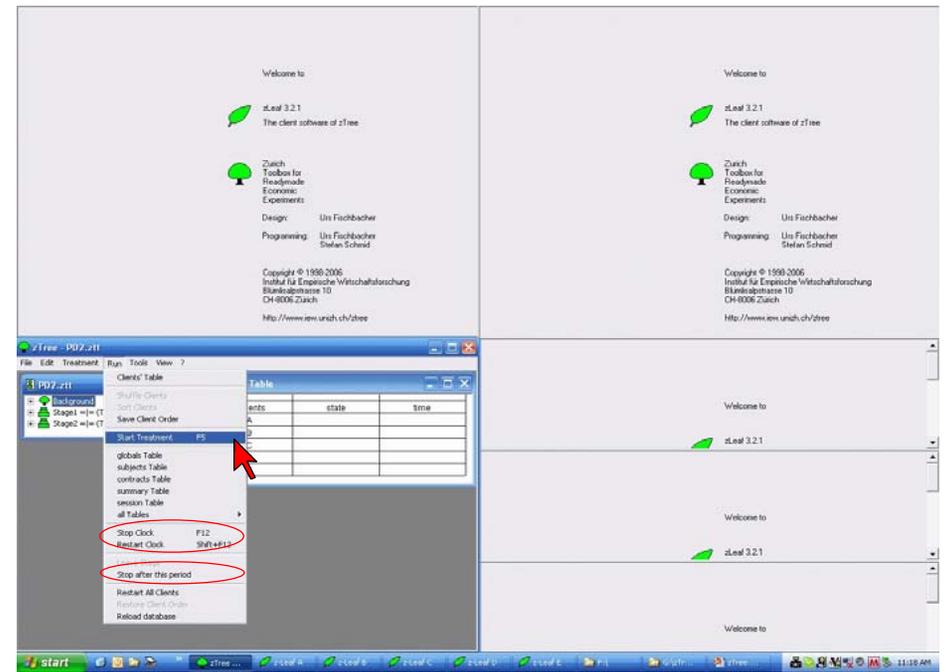
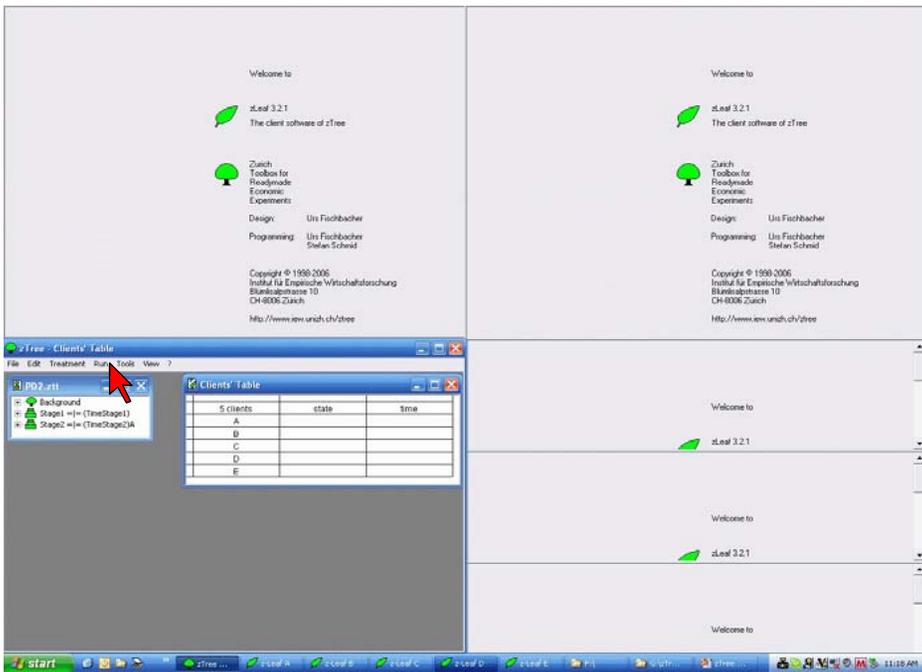


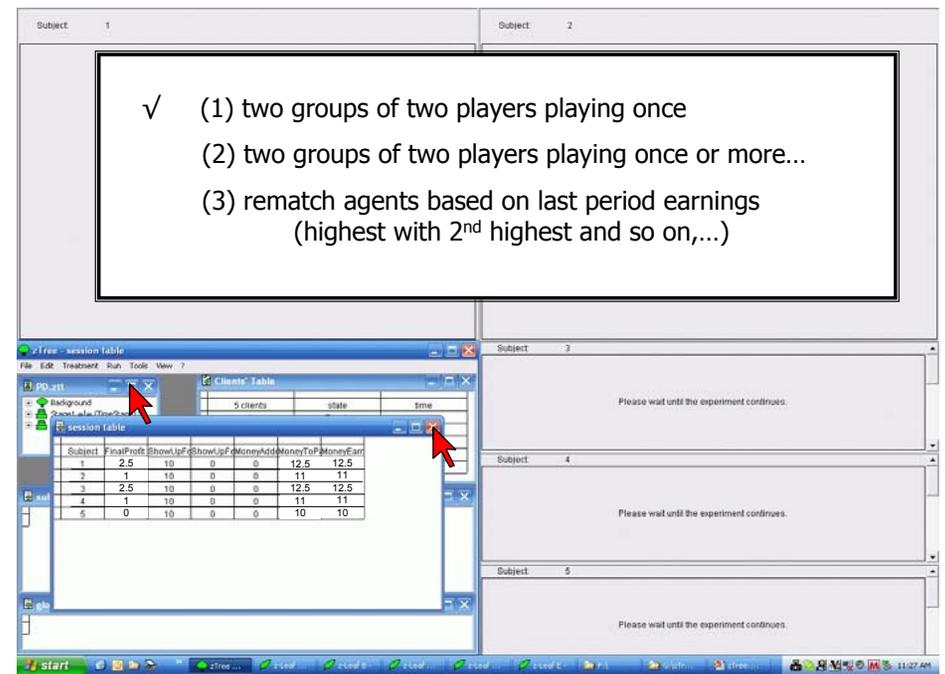
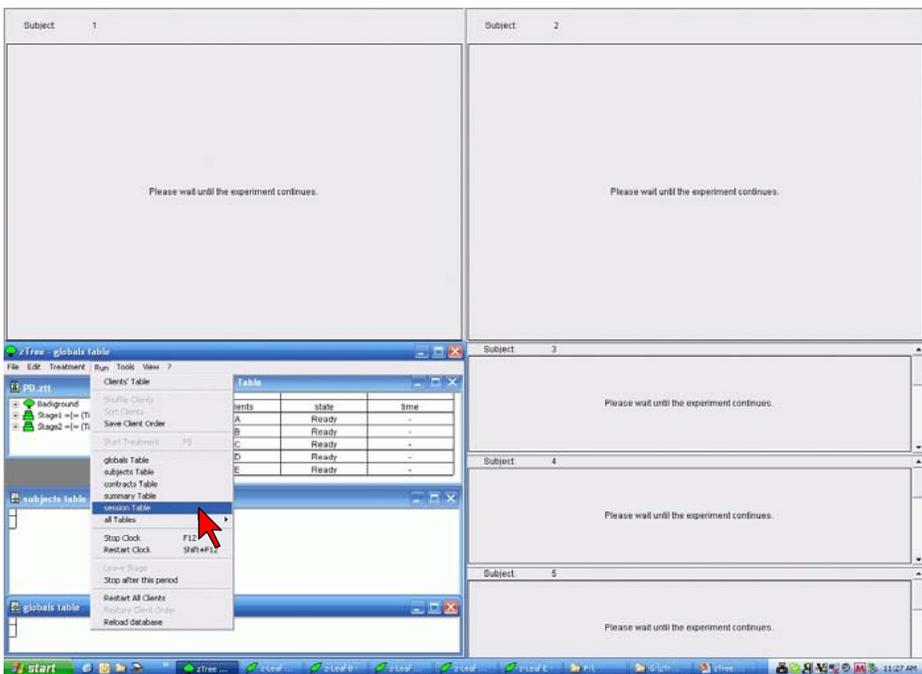
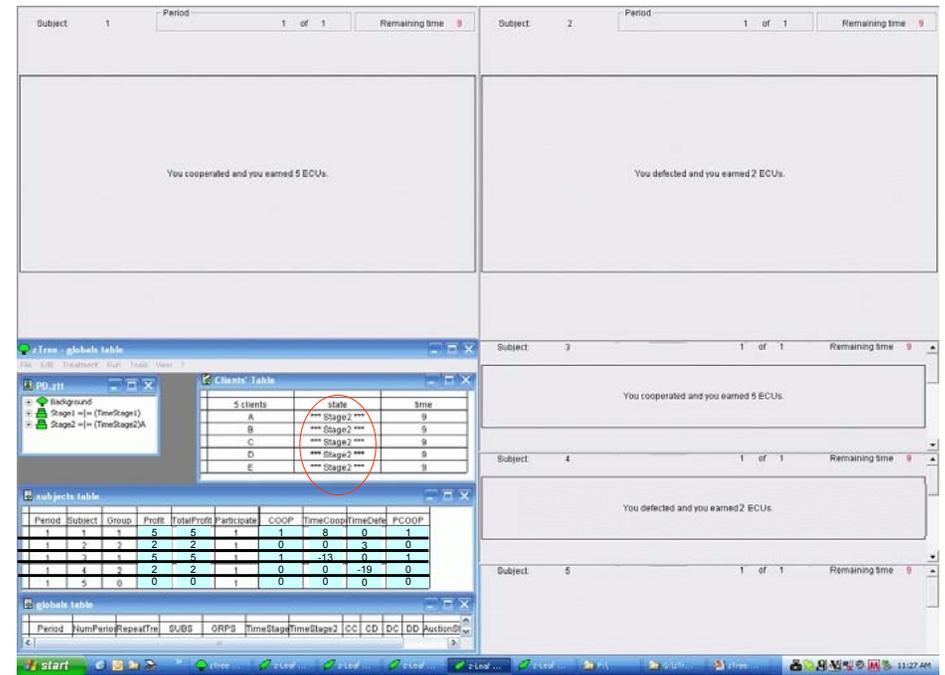
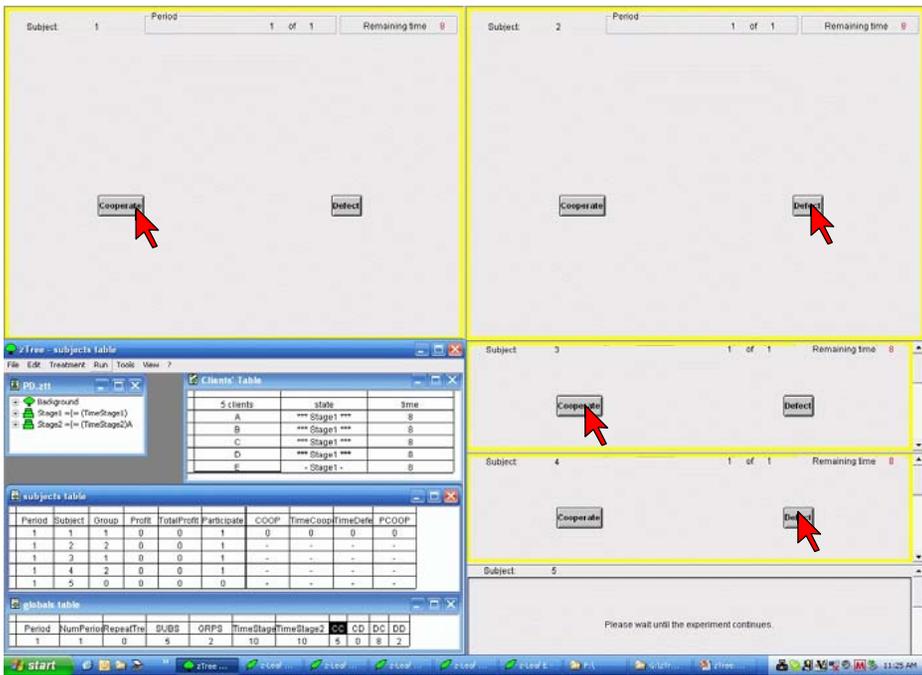




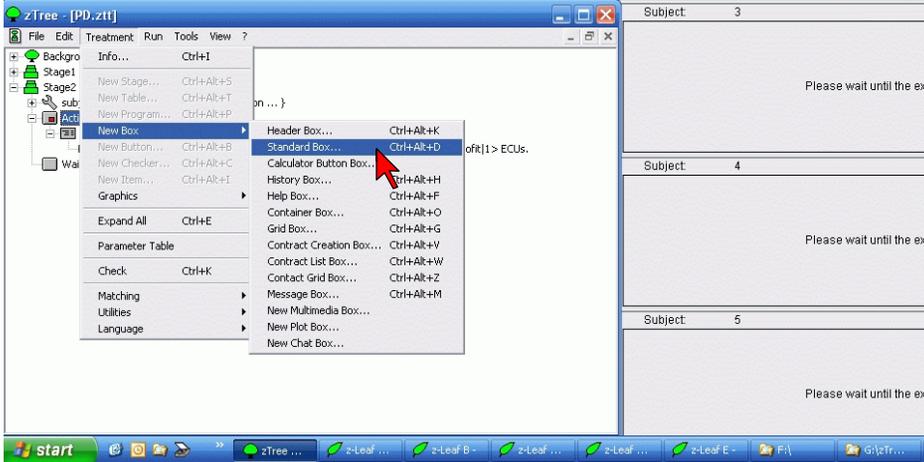




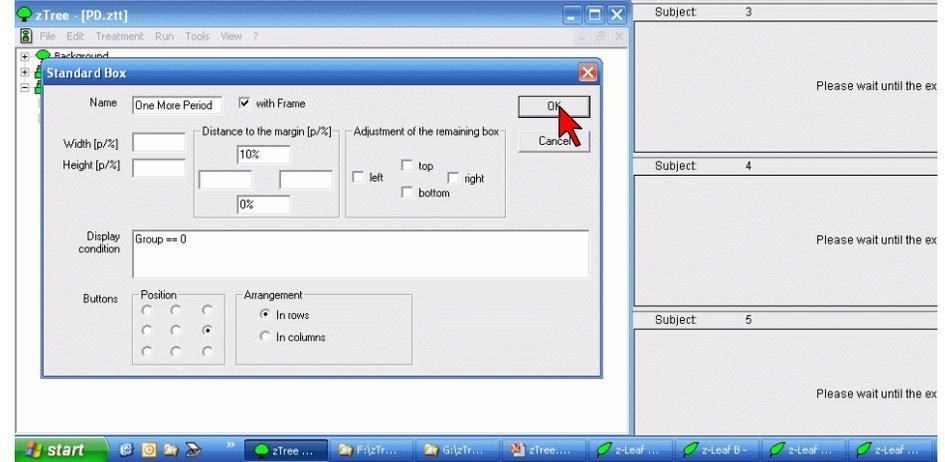




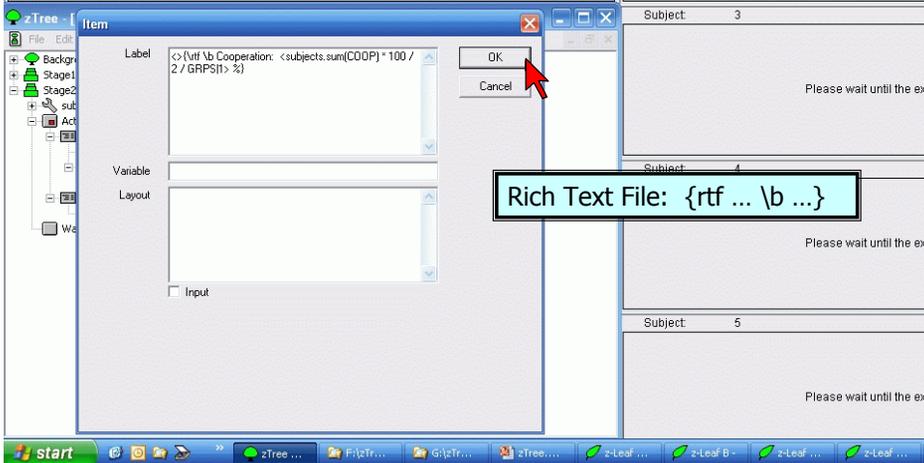
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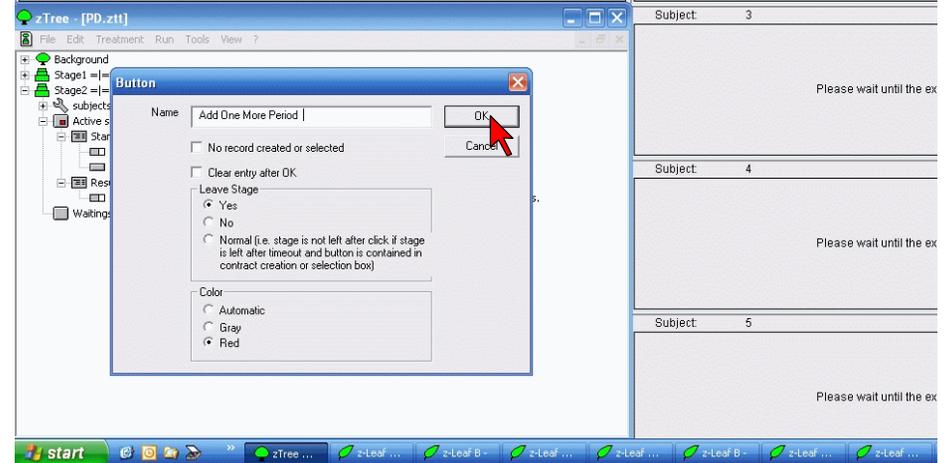
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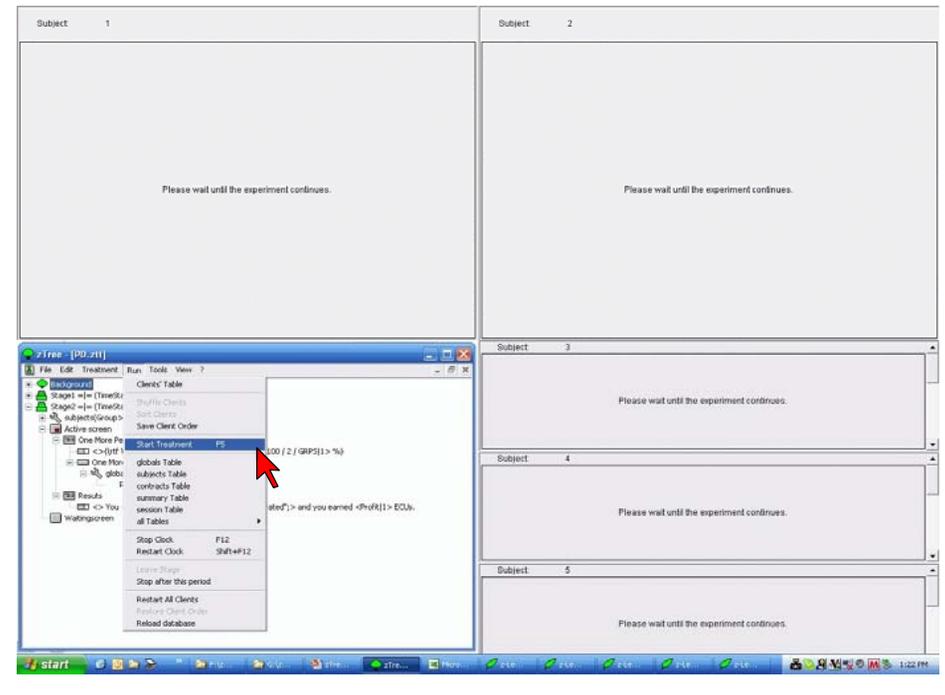
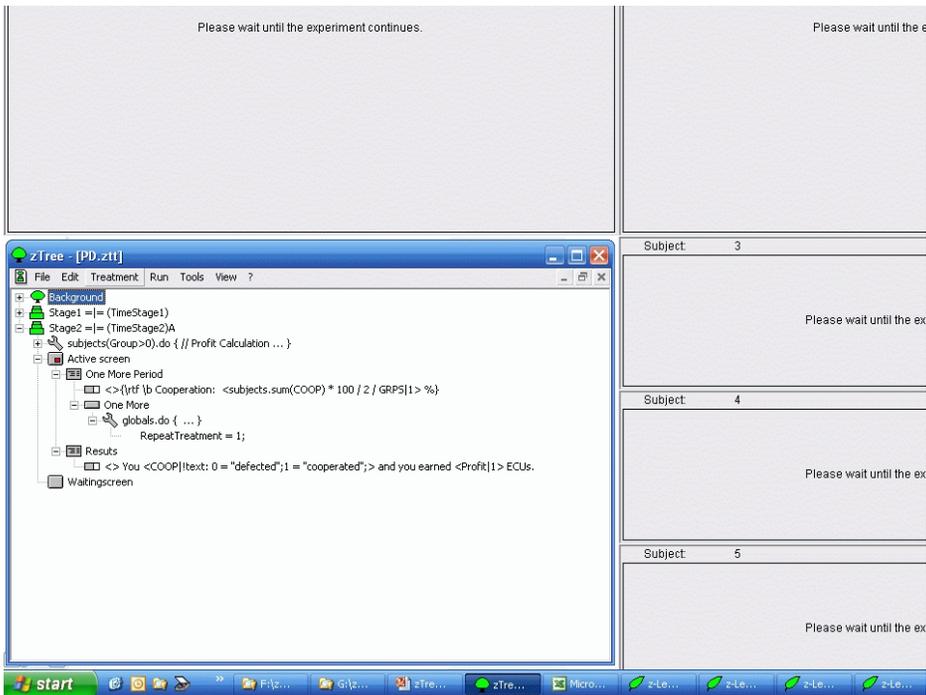
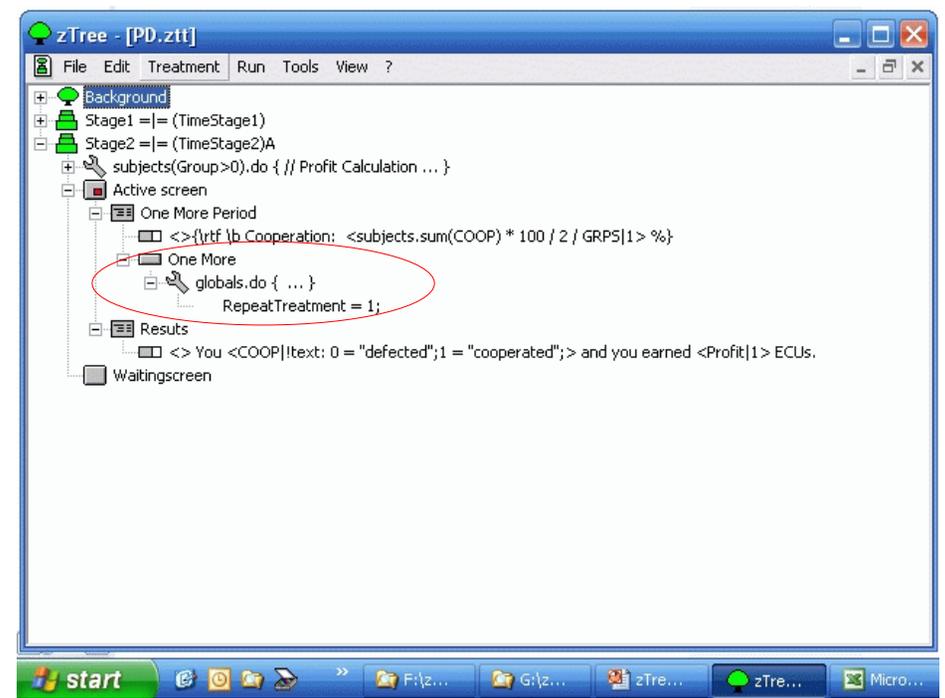
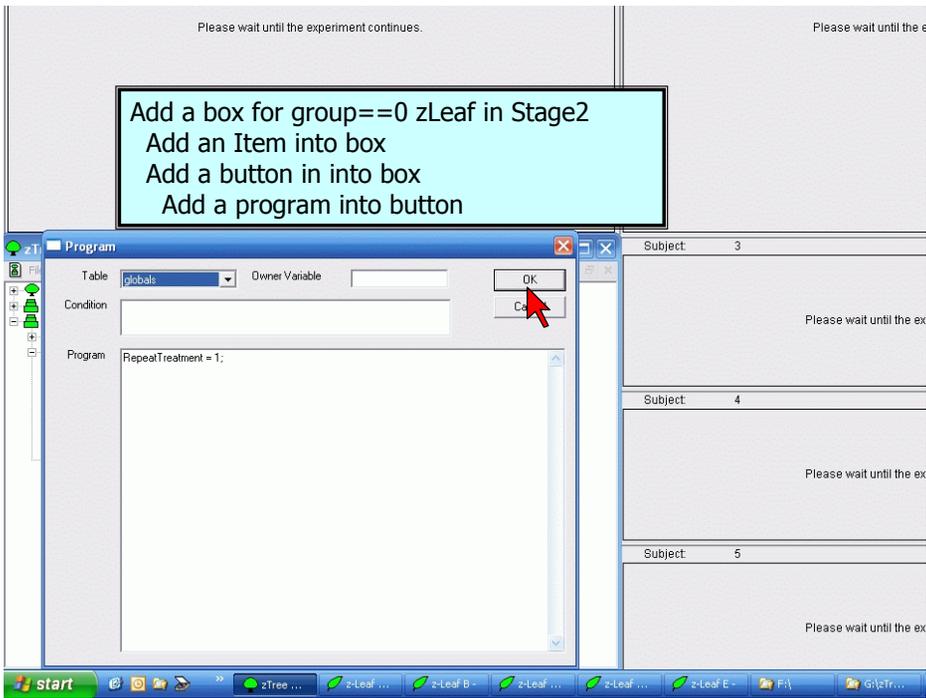


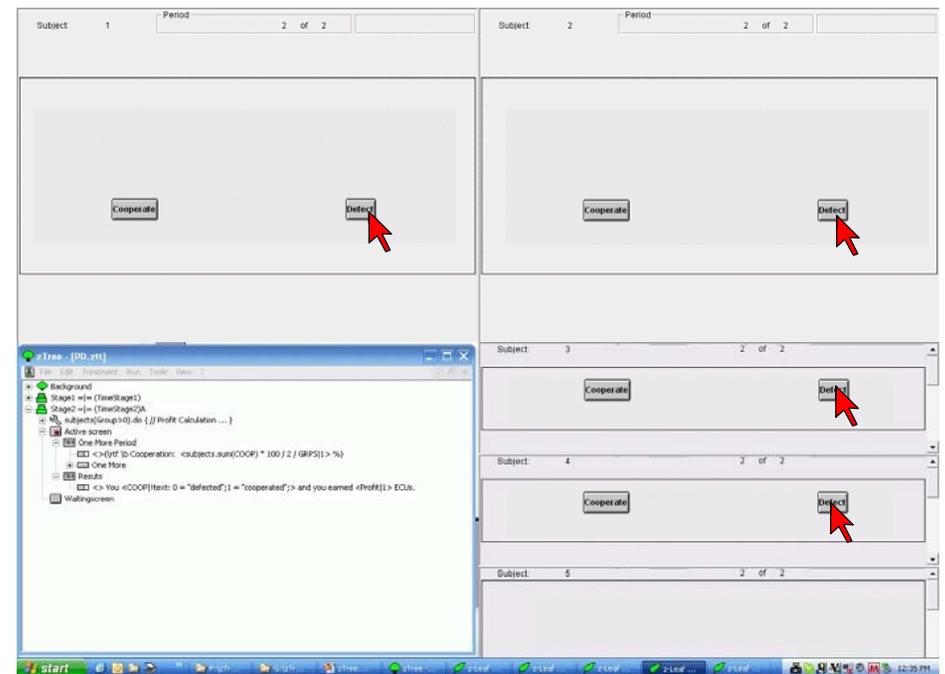
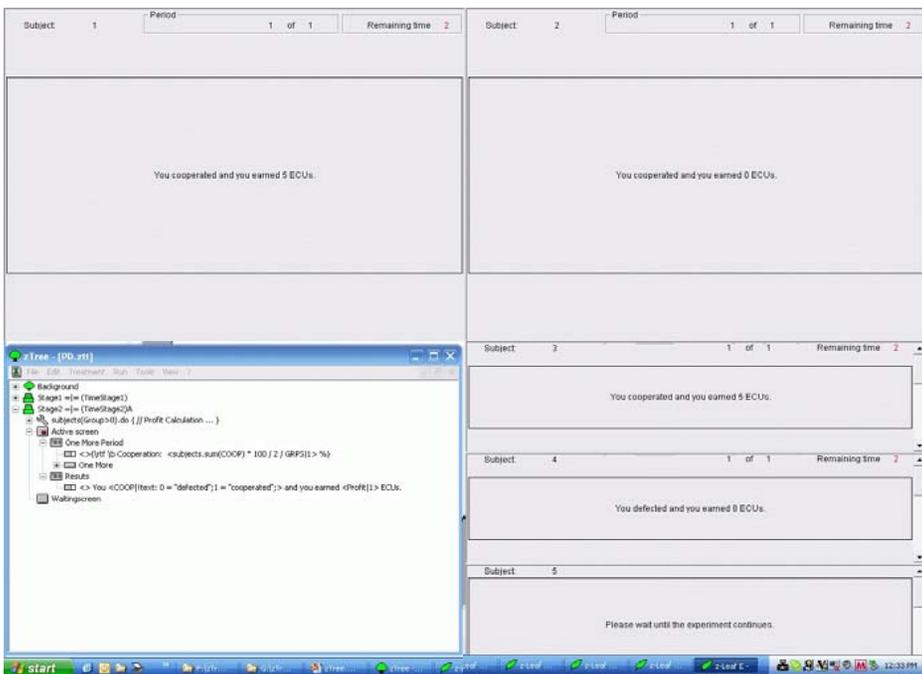
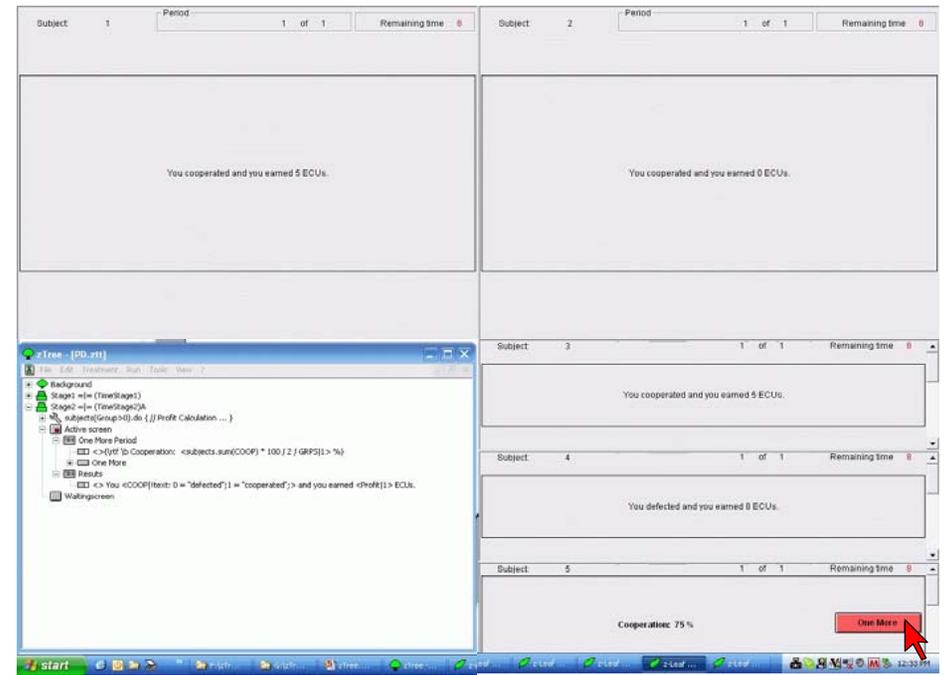
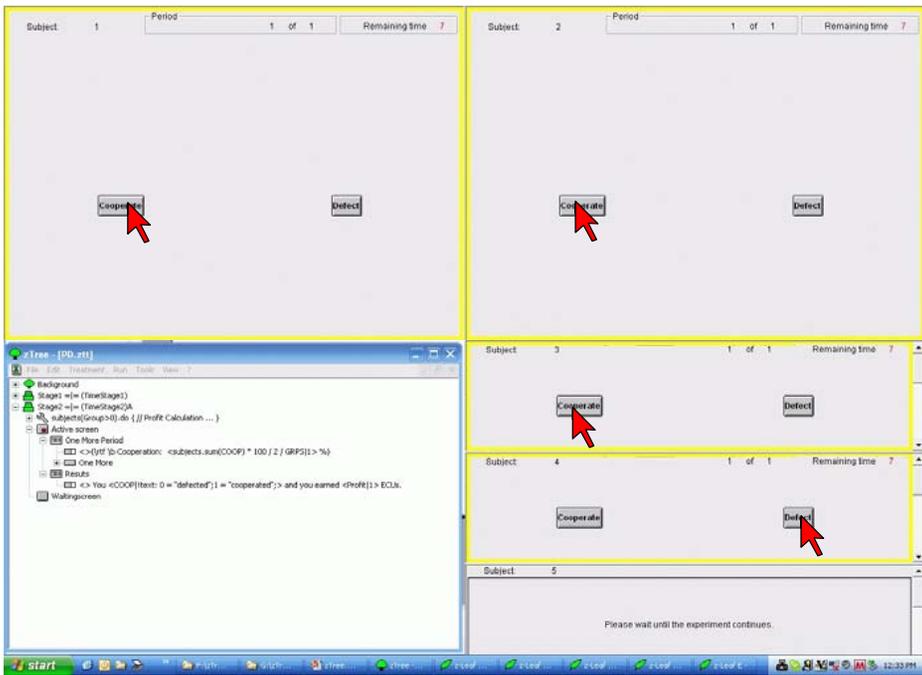
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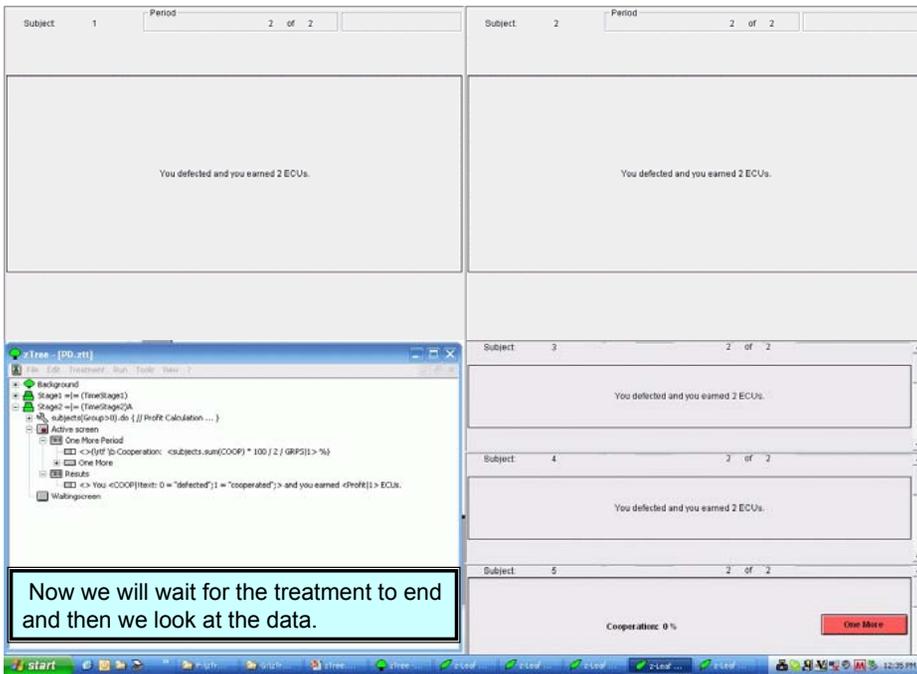


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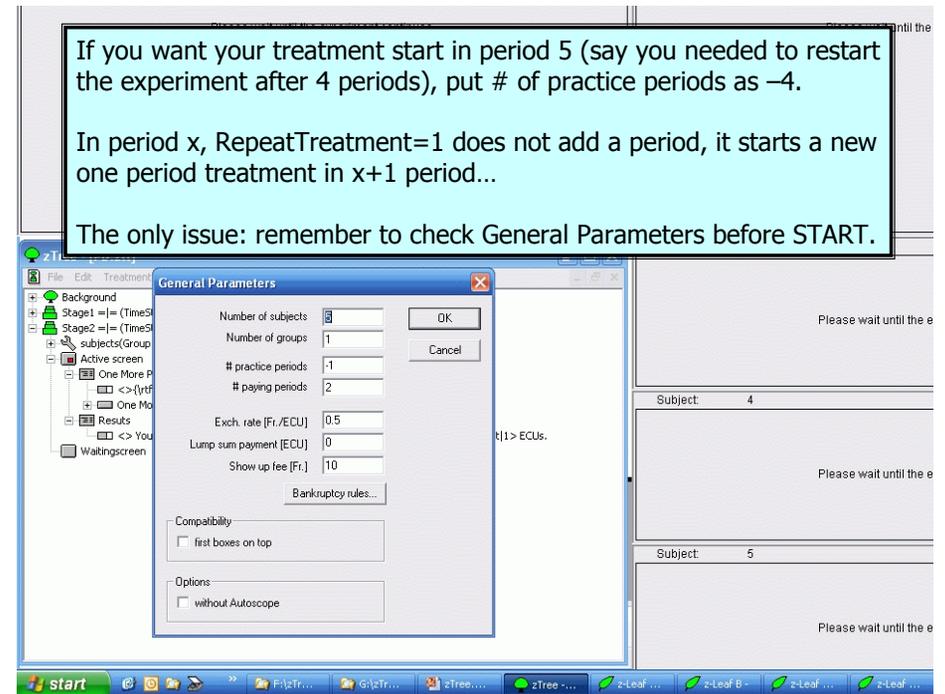
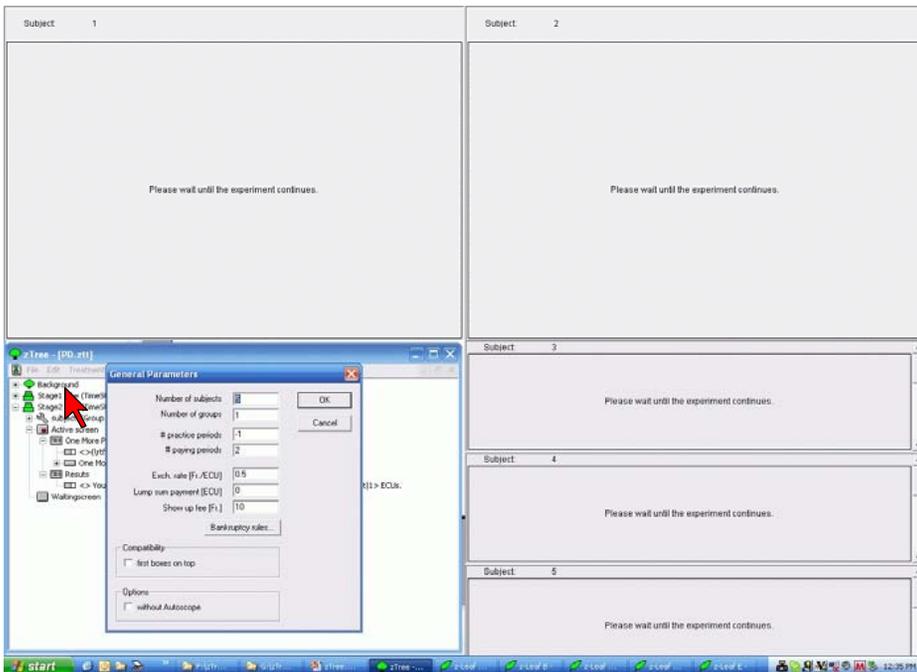
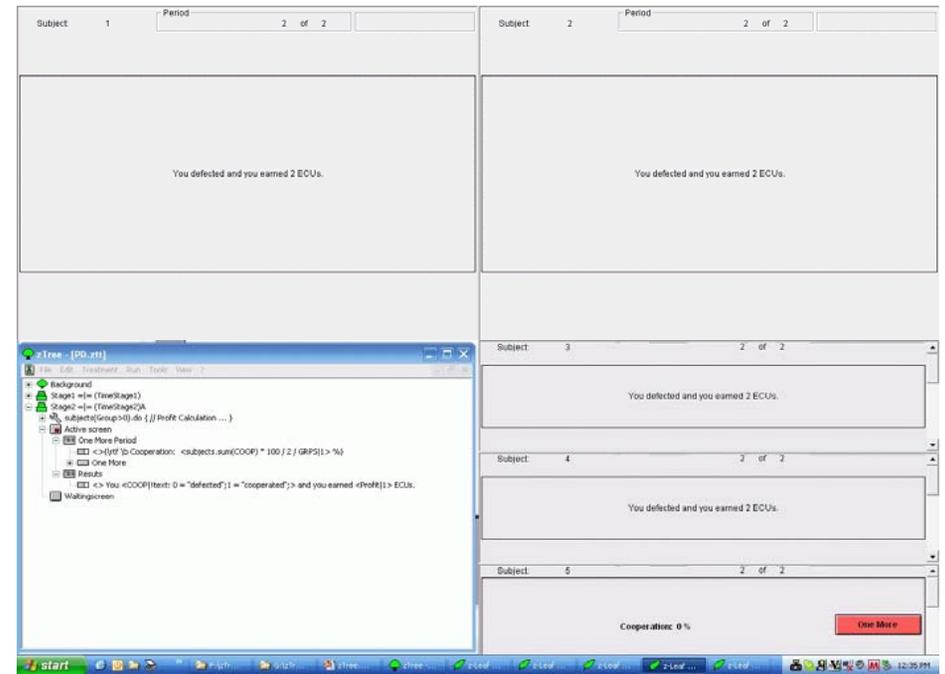








Now we will wait for the treatment to end and then we look at the data.



If you want your treatment start in period 5 (say you needed to restart the experiment after 4 periods), put # of practice periods as -4.

In period x, RepeatTreatment=1 does not add a period, it starts a new one period treatment in x+1 period...

The only issue: remember to check General Parameters before START.

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27	090514_12	2	subjects	Period	Subject	Group	Profit	TotalProfit	Participate	COOP	TimeCoop	TimeDefec	PCOOP	RepeatTre	TimeOneMoreStage	2OK		
28	090514_12	2	subjects	2	1	1	2	7	1	0	0	-16	0	0	0	0	0	
29	090514_12	2	subjects	2	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	-17	0	0	0	0	0	
30	090514_12	2	subjects	2	3	1	2	7	1	0	0	-18	0	0	0	0	0	
31	090514_12	2	subjects	2	4	2	2	10	1	0	0	-22	0	0	0	0	0	
32	090514_12	2	subjects	2	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
33	090514_12	2	summary	Period	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	090514_12	2	summary	Period	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	090514_12	2	summary	Period	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	090514_12	2	summary	Period	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	090514_12	2	session	Subject	FinalProfit	ShowUpFe	ShowUpFe	MoneyAdd	MoneyToP	MoneyEarned								
38	090514_12	2	session	1	6	10	0	0	16	16								
39	090514_12	2	session	2	2	10	0	0	12	12								
40	090514_12	2	session	3	6	10	0	0	16	16								
41	090514_12	2	session	4	6	10	0	0	16	16								
42	090514_12	2	session	5	0	10	0	0	10	10								

- ✓ (1) two groups of two players playing once
- ✓ (2) two groups of two players playing once or more...
- (3) rematch agents based on last period earnings (highest with 2nd highest and so on,...)

zTree - [PD.ztt] Program

Table: subjects Owner Variable:

Condition: Period > 0

Program: // Grouping part 1
OldProfit = OLDsubjects.find(same(Subject),Profit) + random() * 0.49;

Add this program to background

start zTree - [PD.ztt] 8:08 PM

zTree - [PD.ztt] Program

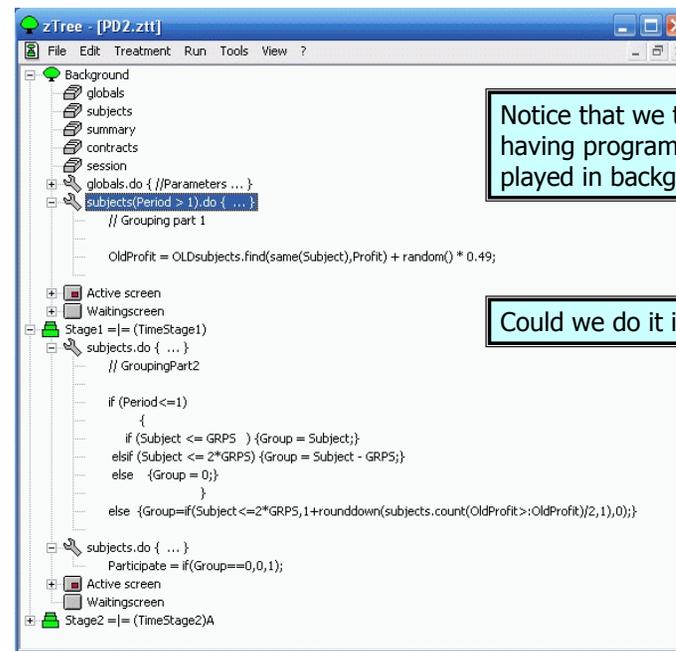
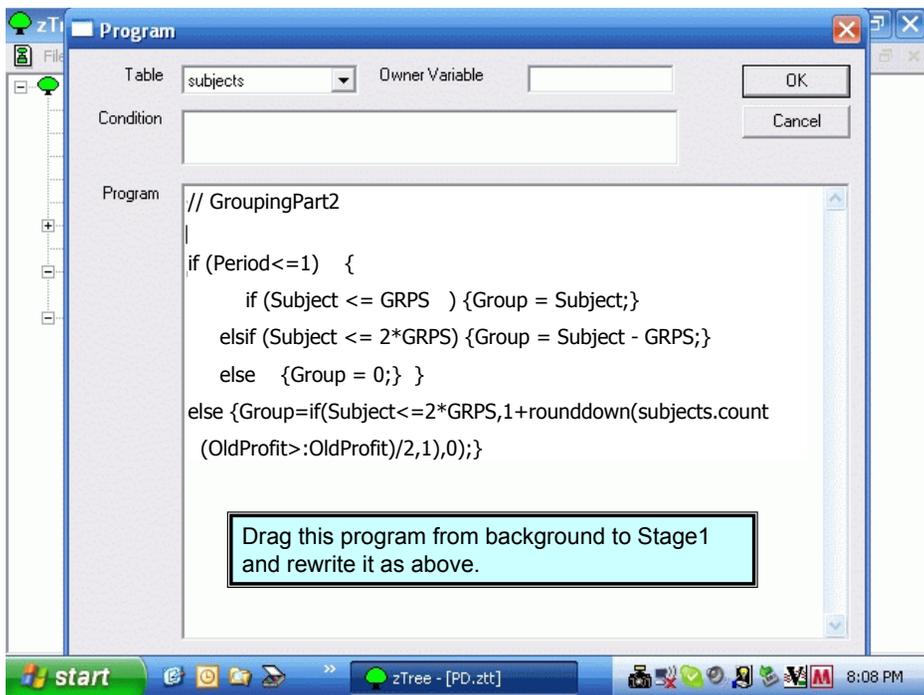
Table: subjects Owner Variable:

Condition:

Program: // Grouping
if (Subject <= GRPS) {Group = Subject;}
elseif (Subject <= 2*GRPS) {Group = Subject - GRPS;}
else {Group = 0;}

Drag this program from background to Stage 1

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Notice that we took advantage of having programs for all subjects played in background first.

Could we do it in one stage?

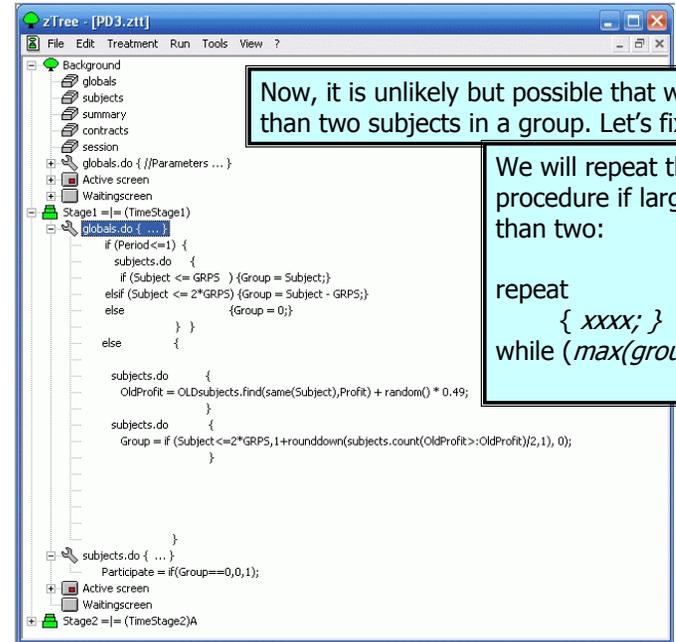
STATEMENTS (#): (continued)

T.do {#1;} does statement in a table T

example:

```
subjects.do {Group =Group +1;
  if (Group>GRPS) {Group = 1;}}
```

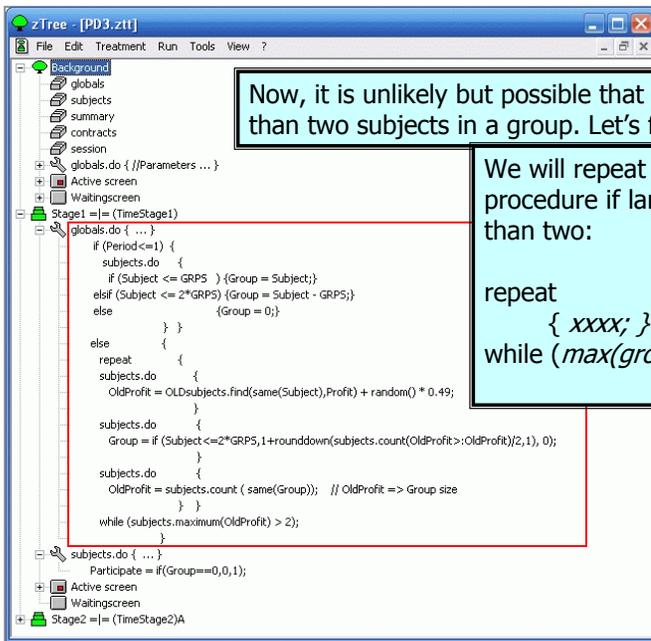
T.new {#1;} creates a new record in table T (contracts or yours table)
(e.g. new offer is placed in auction)



Now, it is unlikely but possible that we will have more than two subjects in a group. Let's fix that...

We will repeat the whole grouping procedure if largest group is more than two:

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repeat
{ xxxx; }
while (max(group) too big )
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```
Stage1 =|= (TimeStage1)
globals.do { ... }
if (Period<=1) {
  subjects.do {
    if (Subject <= GRPS ) {Group = Subject;}
    elseif (Subject <= 2*GRPS) {Group = Subject - GRPS;}
    else {Group = 0;}
  }
}
else {
  repeat {
    subjects.do {
      OldProfit = OLDsubjects.find(same(Subject),Profit) + random() * 0.49;
    }
    subjects.do {
      Group = if (Subject<=2*GRPS,1+rounddown(subjects.count(OldProfit>:OldProfit)/2,1), 0);
    }
    subjects.do {
      OldProfit = subjects.count ( same(Group)); // OldProfit => Group size
    }
  }
  while (subjects.maximum(OldProfit) > 2);
}
subjects.do { ... }
```

STATEMENTS (#): (continued)

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T.new {#1;} creates a new record in table T (contracts) (e.g. new offer in auction)

array x[n]; creates an array of vars: x[1], x[2],...x[n]

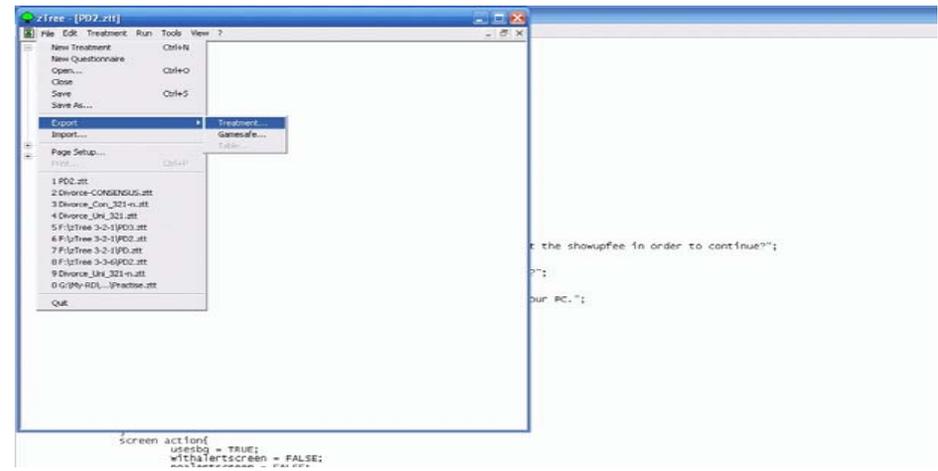
later (n) do {#1;} does #1 n second later (if n>0)

later (n) repeat {#1;} does #1 n second later (if n>0) refreshes value of n and repeats

How big is the Program File?

Very small.

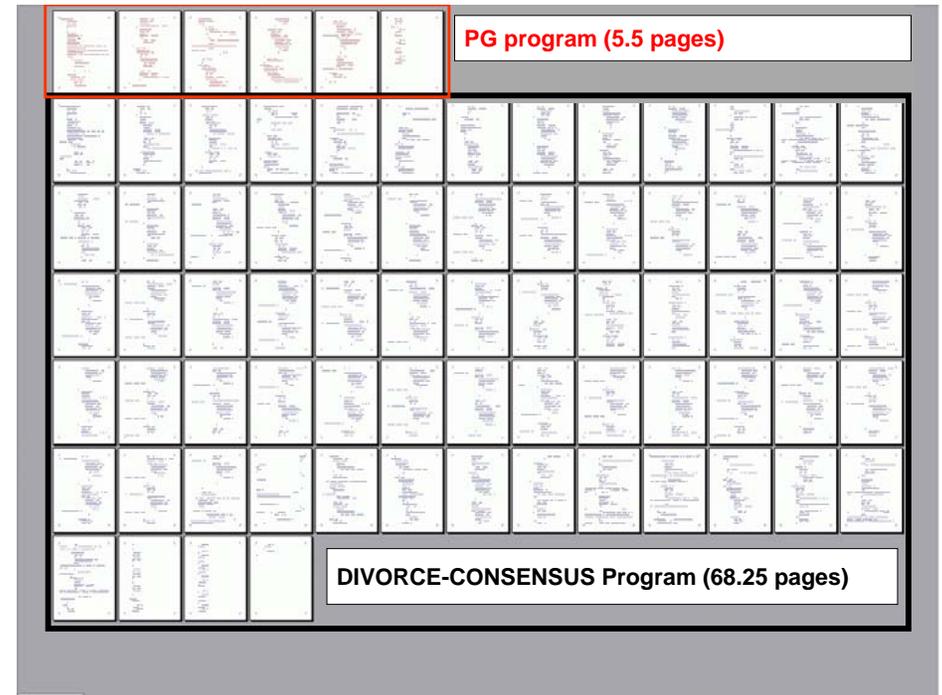
You can export it into a text (importing helped with transfer from older versions of zTree Programs.)



```

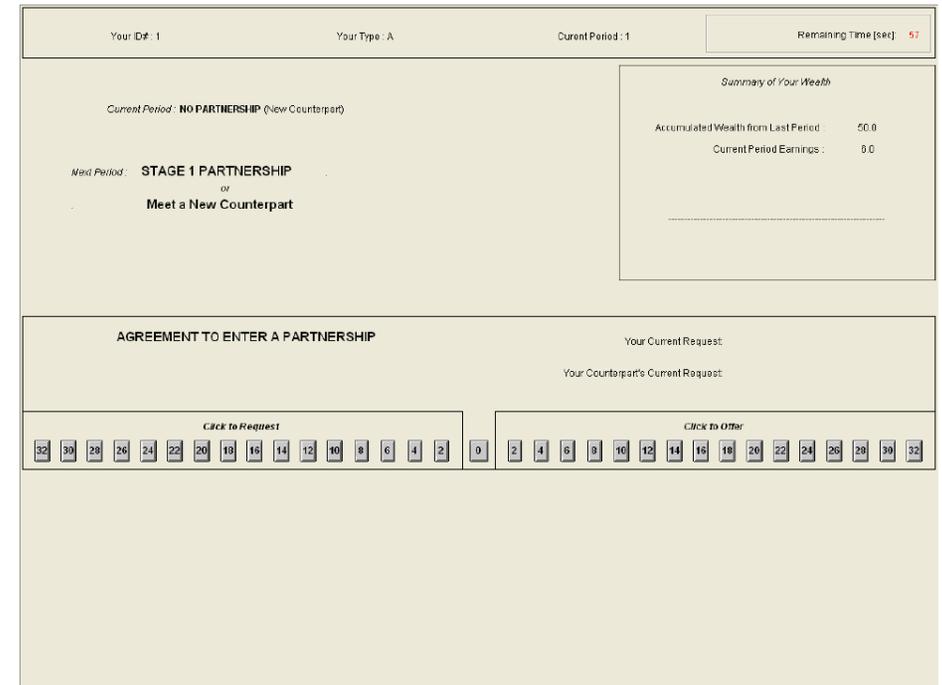
D:\07.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
treatment "PG_ZTT" {
  background {
    table globals {
    }
    table subjects {
    }
    table summary {
    }
    table contracts {
    }
    table session {
    }
    numsubjects = 1;
    numgroups = 1;
    numpracticerounds = 0;
    numactualperiods = 2;
    exchangerate = 0.5;
    startendowment = 0;
    showupfee = 10;
    noautoscope = FALSE;
    v2integervars = TRUE;
    v2booleanvars = TRUE;
    firstboxesontop = FALSE;
    showupfeewaytext = "You are making losses. Do you want to invest the showupfee in order to continue?";
    showupfeewayyestext = "yes";
    showupfeewaynotext = "no";
    moneyawaytext = "You are making losses. Do you want to continue?";
    moneyawayyestext = "yes";
    moneyawaynotext = "no";
    bancrupttext = "Please wait until the experimenter unlocks your PC.";
  }
  program {
    table = globals;
    do {
      //parameters
      subs = subjects.count();
      gmps = roundup(subs / 2, 1);
      timestage1 = 30;
      timestage2 = 30;
      cc = 5;   cd = 0;
      dc = 8;   dd = 2;
    }
  }
  screen action {
    usesbg = TRUE;
    withalterscreen = FALSE;
    noalterscreen = FALSE;
    headerbox "Header" {
      hasframe = TRUE;
      height = 100;
      left = 300;
      top = 0;
      showperiods = TRUE;
      shownumberperiods = TRUE;
      periodoftext = "period";
      periodoftext = "sp";
      practitionerprefix = "Trial ";
      showtime = TRUE;
      timestr = "remaining time [sec]";
      pleaseclicktext = "Please reach a decision.";
    }
    standardbox "Subject's Name" {
      hasframe = FALSE;
      width = 300;
    }
  }
}

```



Marriage Game Design

- Two types of subjects (A & B) are randomly paired with each other.
- Task:
 - Their task in period 1 (also every time when they are matched with new counterparts in later periods) is to decide if they want to enter a partnership starting from next period.
 - Once a partnership is formed, the task in each period is to decide if they want to stay together with the same partner for at least one more period.
- Entering, continuing and terminating a partnership can be facilitated by negotiable transfer payments.
 - Either party can offer/request some payment to/from his/her counterpart



Your ID#: 1 Your Type: A Current Period: 2 Remaining Time [sec]: 36

Current Period: **NO PARTNERSHIP** (New Counterpart)

Next Period: **STAGE 1 PARTNERSHIP**
or
Meet a New Counterpart

Summary of Your Wealth
Accumulated Wealth from Last Period: 56.0
Current Period Earnings: 8.0

AGREEMENT TO ENTER A PARTNERSHIP

Your Current Request: 20.0
Your Counterpart's Current Request: 26.0 **ACCEPT**

Click to Request: 18 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24
Click to Offer: 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24

- You requested 20, your counterpart requested 26.
- you cannot take the offer back after you send it
- you improve your offers from left to right
- your counterpart's offers improve from right to left
- best counterparts offer: red button to accept

Marriage Game Design

- **The “unattached” (singles)**
 - Agreement => form a marriage
 - No agreement => matched with new counterparts next period.

- **The “attached” (married)**
 - Agreement => continue together
(possibly under different payoffs)
 - Agreement => to divorce (=new counterparts)
 - No agreement=>
 - Unilateral Divorce Law: matched with new counterparts next period.
 - Consensus Divorce Law: stay together

- **10% discounting of future utilities**

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Current Period: **STAGE 1 PARTNERSHIP**

Next Period: **STAGE 1 PARTNERSHIP**
or
Meet a New Counterpart

Summary of Your Wealth
Accumulated Wealth from Last Period: 56.0
Current Period Earnings: 18.0

AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE THE PARTNERSHIP

Your Current Request:
Your Counterpart's Current Request:

Click to Request: 32 30 28 26 24 22 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32
Click to Offer: 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32

AGREEMENT TO TERMINATE THE PARTNERSHIP

Your Current Request:
Your Counterpart's Current Request:

Click to Request: 32 30 28 26 24 22 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32
Click to Offer: 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32

Marriage Game Design

- Partnership deteriorates
(with exogenous probability 2/9)
Stage 1 is better than Stage 2
Stage 2 is better than Stage 3
- Tensions increases...

**Balanced (Unbalanced)
Payoff Structure**

	A	B
Single	6	6
Stage 1	18	10
Stage 2	3(15)	15(3)
Stage 3	4	4

Marriage Game Design

- o Partnership deteriorates (with exogenous probability 2/9)
 Stage 1 is better than Stage 2
 Stage 2 is better than Stage 3
- o Tensions increases...
- o 10% Discounting (die
 ...and reborn as a single in a new life [same game])
- o ... 10% => with 11 or more pairs we could guarantee that (divorced) agents would be matched to different people.

**Balanced (Unbalanced)
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Marriage Game Design

- o **10% =>** with **11 or more pairs** we could guarantee that (single) agents would be matched to different counterparts.
- TWO SINGLE PEOPLE =>** This pair dies with 10% prob.
 1+ out of remaining 10+ pairs dies as well
- ZERO OR MORE THAN TWO SINGLE PEOPLE =>** Two pairs die with 50%+ probability

Marriage Game Design

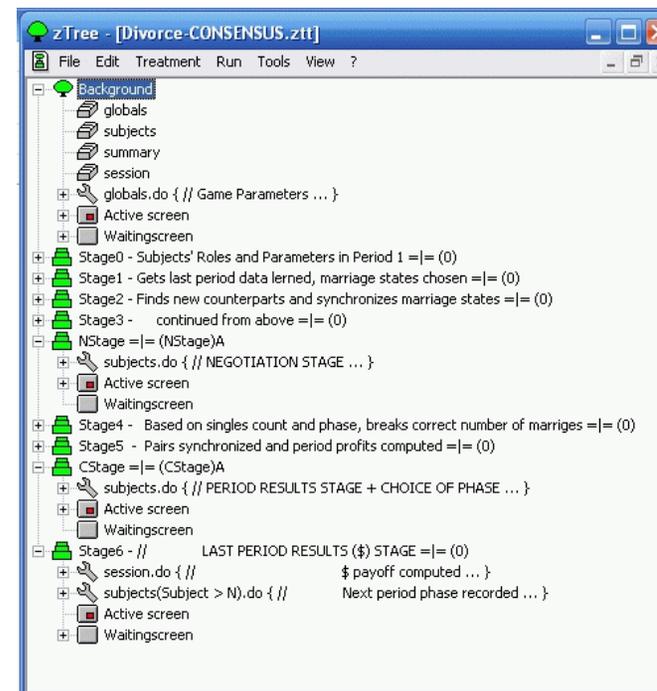
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PHASE ONE (35 periods)
(NEW PEOPLE BORN)

- TWO SINGLE PEOPLE =>** This pair dies with 10% prob.
 1+ out of remaining 10+ pairs dies as well
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PHASE TWO (GAME ENDS)

- TWO SINGLE PEOPLE =>** This pair dies with 10% prob.
 1+ out of remaining 10+ pairs dies as well
- ZERO OR MORE THAN TWO SINGLE PEOPLE =>** All pairs die with 10%+ probability, GAME ENDS



Each period, matching took several seconds to compute.

zLeafs can only wait so long before they crash.

Here the program was cut into pieces and six stages with empty screens we added.

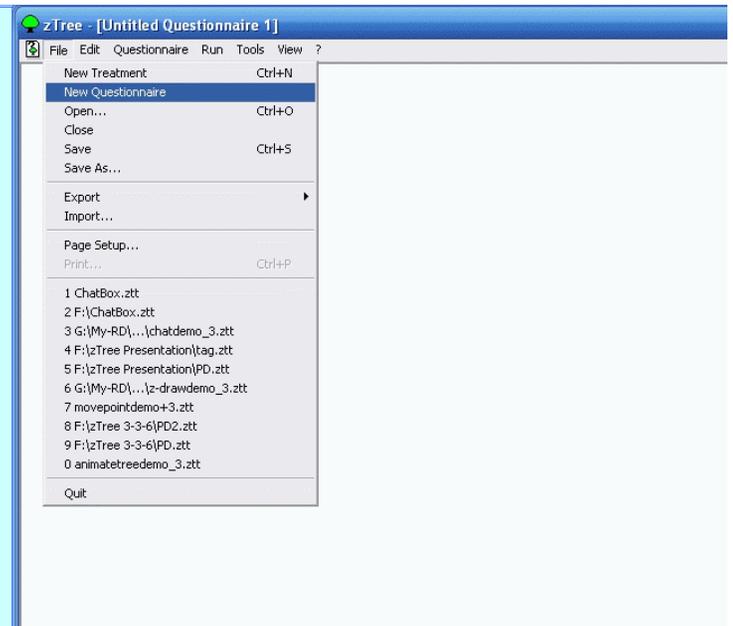
Marriage Game Design

Outline

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Questionnaires

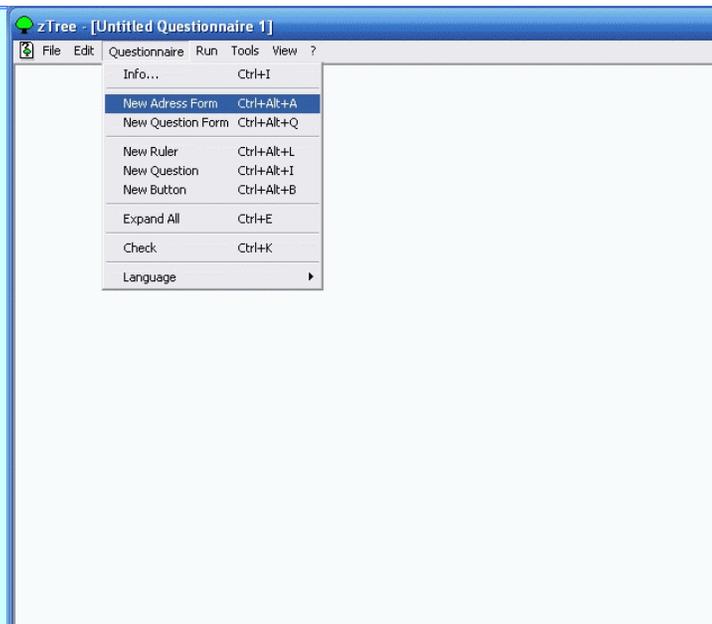
- o You can run a questionnaire at the end of an experiment
- o Questionnaires can be simple, just names and emails, or involve more complicated surveys



Questionnaires

New Address Form

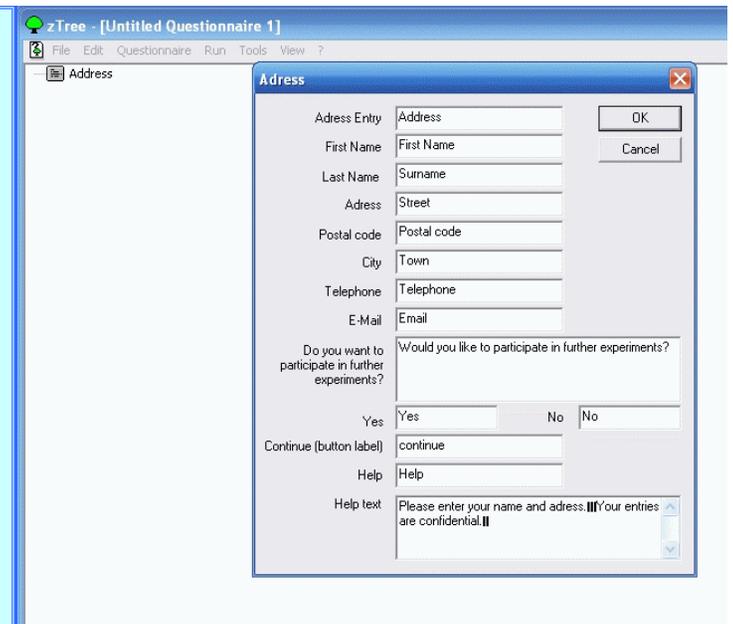
Double-click on "Address" and
- delete what you do not need
- change to what you do need



Questionnaires

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Questionnaires

What you enter into the blank will correspond to what the header on the answer blank will read; for example, you can use the "Postal Code" blank to gather information about National ID

zTree - [Untitled Questionnaire 1]

File Edit Questionnaire Run Tools View ?

Address

Adress

Adress Entry	Address	OK
First Name	First Name	Cancel
Last Name	Surname	
Address		
Postal code	National ID	
City		
Telephone		
E-Mail	Email	
Do you want to participate in further experiments?	Would you like to participate in further experiments?	
Yes	Yes	No
Continue (button label)	continue	
Help	Help	
Help text	Please enter your name, email and ID number. Your entries are confidential.	

Label on the "OK" Button

Questionnaires

Select "Adress", then go to **Questionnaire** → **New Question Form**

You can add items to this question form, just like you do with a box in a normal treatment

zTree - [Untitled Questionnaire 1]

File Edit Questionnaire Run Tools View ?

Address

- Info... Ctrl+I
- New Adress Form Ctrl+Alt+A
- New Question Form Ctrl+Alt+Q**
- New Ruler Ctrl+Alt+L
- New Question Ctrl+Alt+I
- New Button Ctrl+Alt+B
- Expand All Ctrl+E
- Check Ctrl+K
- Language

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File Edit Questionnaire Run Tools View ?

Address Thanks:

Questionnaire

Name (ID)	Thanks	OK
Title		Cancel
Program		

Questionnaires

Beside questions, typical information to display might include:

The variable FinalProfit – total earnings from the experiment, not including the show-up fee

The variable ShowUpFee
Create items (with labels) to display these variables

zTree - [Untitled Questionnaire 1]

File Edit Questionnaire Run Tools View ?

Address Thanks:

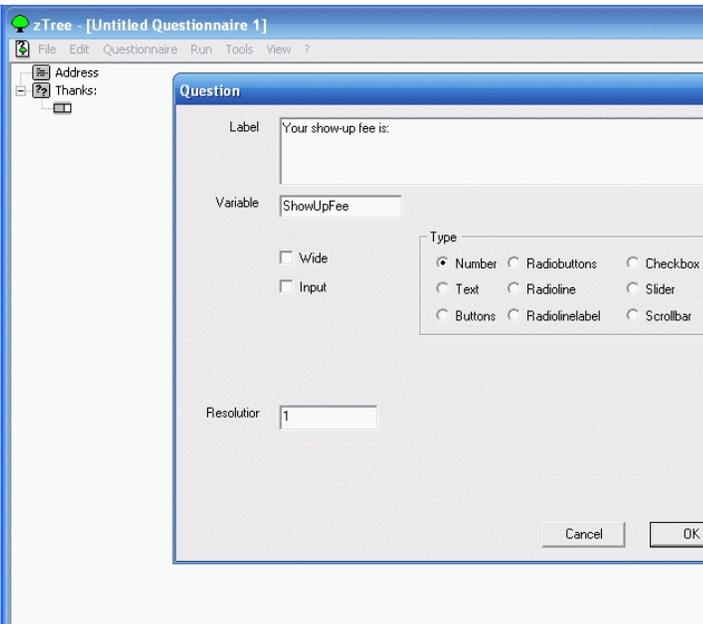
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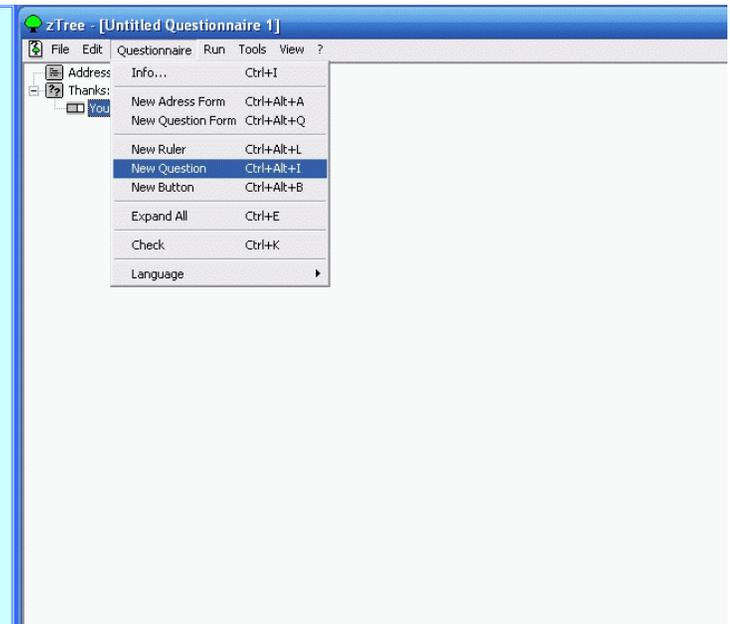


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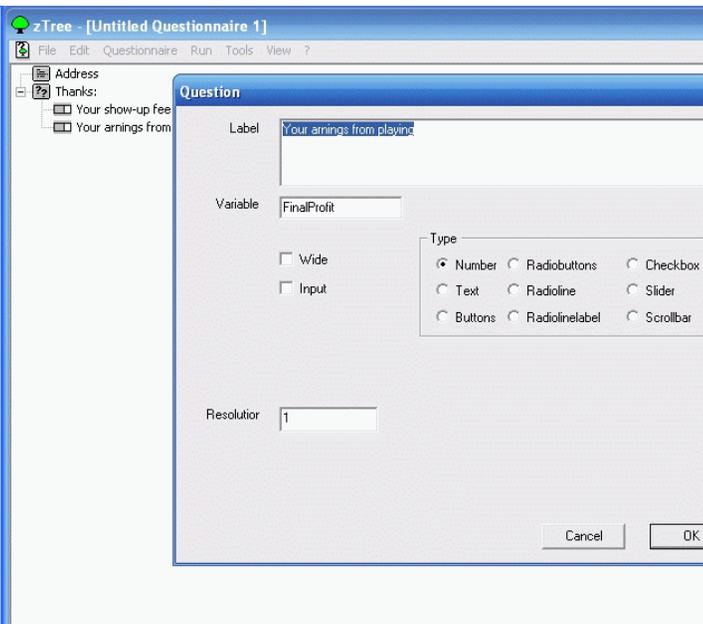


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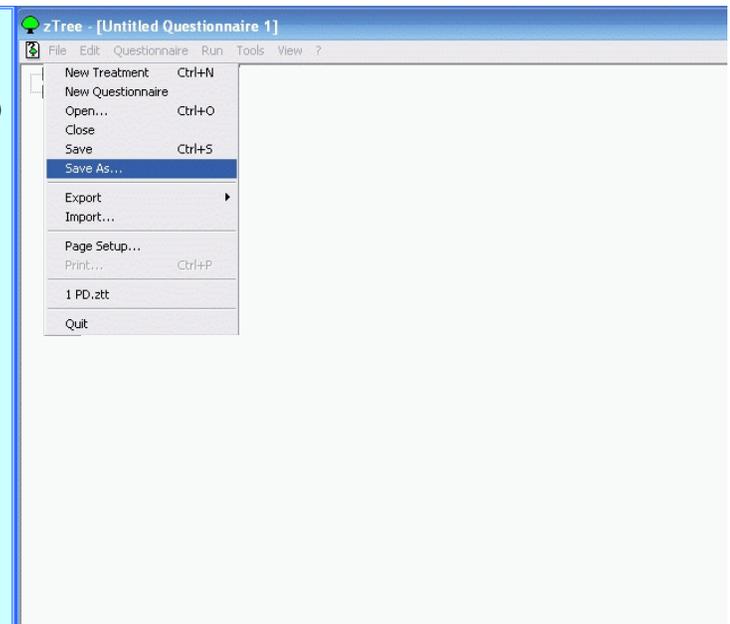
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Questionnaires

Save it (Short.ztq)

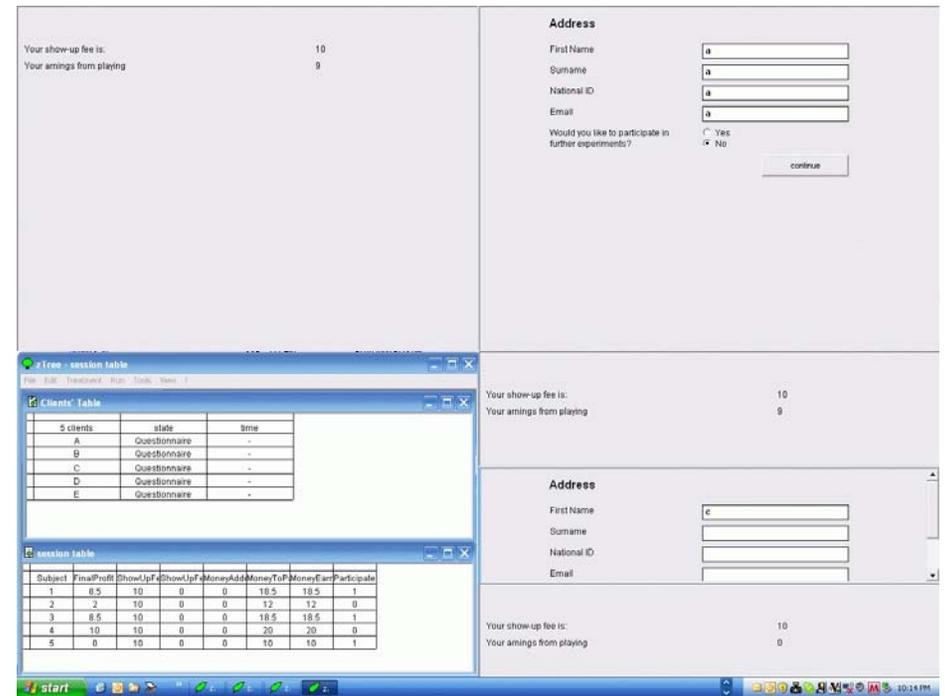
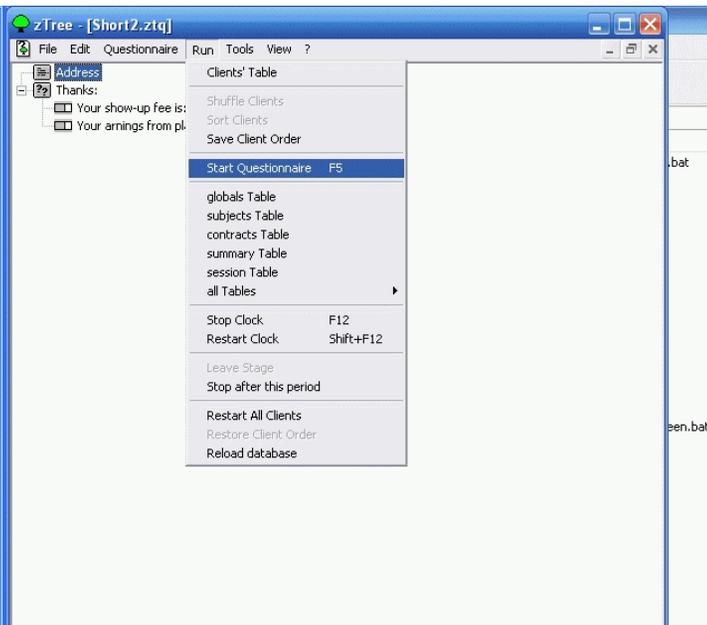
Run it



Questionnaires

Save it (Short.ztq)

Run it

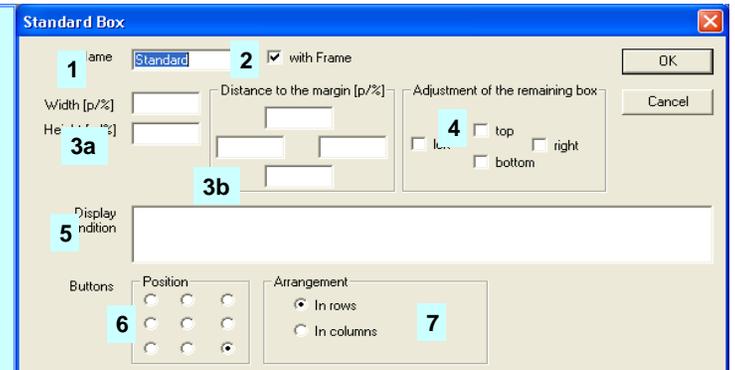


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DESIGN

Standard Box



1. Label of the box (not shown to subjects)
2. Frame (with it, a box overlaps older graphics)
3. Size of the box, in points or percent of the remaining screen
Distance away from the (remaining) screen edge in points or percent
4. Adjustment of the remaining box (whether to "cut off" the screen above, below, to the left, or to the right of the current box)
5. Display Condition (if present, Boolean expression that must be true in order for box to be shown)
6. Button Position (where to place buttons in this box)
7. Arrangement (how to arrange buttons)

DESIGN

Standard Box Item

Item

Label: This text will be displayed to the subjects

Variable: This variable will be displayed as output

Layout: Here you indicate how many decimal places

Input

OK Cancel

DESIGN

Standard Box Item

Item

Label: Your endowment is:

Variable: Endowment

Layout: 1

Embedded Variables:

`<>Your income is < profit |!text: 0="small"; 80 = "large";>`

Tells program that there will be embedded variables in this text

Regular text

Variable name

Embedded Variable

Layout

OK Cancel

DESIGN

Standard Box Item

Item

Label: `<> Your endowment is <Endowment|1> francs, you <Endowment|!text: 0="lost a lot of money"; 100="did great">`

Layout	output variable
2	6
<code>!radio: 1 = "86.8"; 24 = "102.8";</code>	<input type="radio"/> 86.8 <input type="radio"/> 102.8
<code>!radioline: 0="zero";5="five"; 6;</code>	zero <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> five
<code>!slider: 0 ="A"; 100= "B"; 101;</code>	A <input type="range"/> B
<code>!scrollbar: 0="L";100= "R";101;</code>	L <input type="range"/> R
<code>!checkbox:1="check me";</code>	<input type="checkbox"/> check me
<code>!text: 2 = "two"; 3 = "three"; 5 = "five"; 7 = "seven"; 11 = "eleven";</code>	seven
<code>!button: 1 = "accept"; 0 = "reject";</code>	accept

OK Cancel

DESIGN

Standard Box Item

Item

Label: `<> Your endowment is <Endowment|1> francs you <Endowment|!text: 0="lost a lot of money"; 100="did great">`

Variable:

Layout:

WARNING the sentence is placed in and if later the number changes and does not fit then only some digits are shown...

Input

OK Cancel

DESIGN

Standard Box
Item

Item

Label: <> Your endowment is <Endowment|1> francs <Endowment|ttext: 0="lost a lot of money"; 100="did {rtf lb great }">

Variable: _____

Layout: _____

WARNING: The sentence is placed in and if later the number changes and does not fit then only some digits are shown...

Input

{rtf_} allows for: \fsN \cfN \sub \super
 \b \b0 \i \i0 \u \u0
 \tab \par \bullet \line \-strike-
 \ql \qc \qr

OK Cancel

DESIGN

Standard Box
Item

Item

Label: Choose an amount to contribute:

Variable: Contribution

Layout: 1

Input

Minimum: 0

Maximum: 20

Show value (value of variable or default)

Empty allowed

Default: 0

OK Cancel

DESIGN

Standard Box
Item

Item

Label: **WARNING: Variable is recorded in a table only after a regular button is hit**

Layout	input variable
2	<input type="text"/>
!radio: 1 = "86.8"; 24 = "102.8";	<input type="radio"/> 86.8 <input type="radio"/> 102.8
!radioline: 0="zero";5="five"; 6;	zero <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> five
!slider: 0 = "A"; 100= "B"; 101;	A <input type="range"/> B
!scrollbar: 0="L";100= "R";101;	L <input type="range"/> R
!checkbox:1="check me";	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check me
!text: 2 = "two"; 3 = "three"; 5 = "five"; 7 = "seven"; 11 = "eleven";	<input type="text" value="seven"/>
!button: 1 = "accept"; 0 = "reject";	<input type="button" value="accept"/> <input type="button" value="reject"/>

OK Cancel

DESIGN

Standard Box
Item
Button

Buttons cannot go before items.

You have to use buttons to record data in tables

You can use buttons to exit stages or execute programs

Button

Name: OK

No record created or selected

Clear entry after OK

Leave Stage

Yes

No

Normal [i.e. stage is not left after click if stage is left after timeout and button is contained in contract creation or selection box]

Color

Automatic

Gray

Red

OK Cancel

Text without variables are displayed centered

shows variable a: 17

shows variable b: 9

test in label column without variable

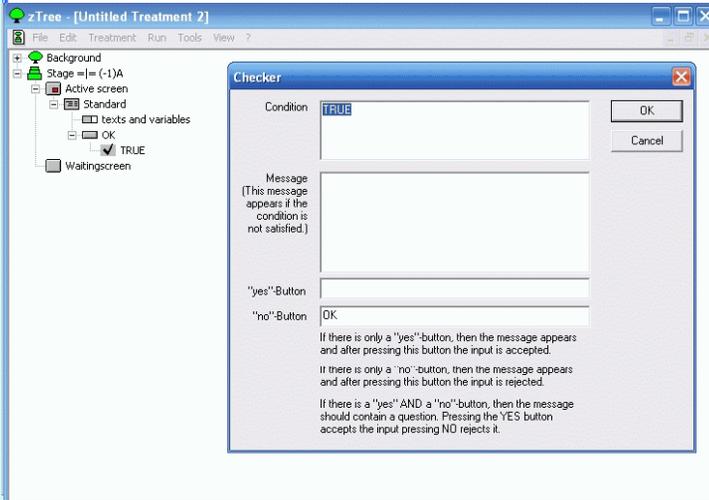
please enter a value for c:

Standard

- Text without variables are displayed centered
- shows variable a: OUT(a)
- shows variable b: OUT(b)
- test in label column without variable: OUT(_)
- please enter a value for c: IN(c)
- OK

DESIGN

- Standard Box
- Item
- Checker
- Button
- Checker



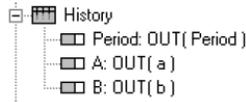
DESIGN

- Standard Box
- Item
- Checker
- Button
- Checker
- Box
- Container Box
- (Standard Box for Boxes only)

- Standard Box
- Container Box
- History Box
- Grid Box)
- Calculator Box
- Help Box
- Header Box
- Contract Creation Box
- Contract List Box
- Contract Grid Box
- Message Box
- Multimedia Box
- Chat Box
- Plot Box

DESIGN

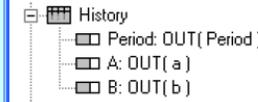
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- Container Box
- History Box



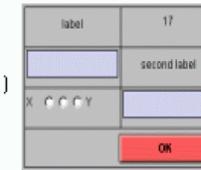
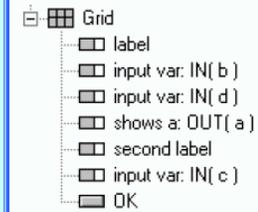
Period	A	B
3	36	12
4	45	24
5	51	21
6	37	11
7	63	28

DESIGN

- Standard Box
- Item
- Checker
- Button
- Checker
- Box
- Container Box
- History Box
- Grid Box (table)



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column by column



row by row



DESIGN

Standard Box
Item
Checker
Button
Checker
Box

Container Box

History Box

Grid Box (*table*)

Calculator Box

Help Box (*text*)

Header Box

History

- Period: OUT(Period)
- A: OUT(a)
- B: OUT(b)

Period	A	B
3	36	12
4	45	24
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7	63	28

Grid

- label
- input var: IN(b)
- input var: IN(d)
- shows a: OUT(a)
- second label
- input var: IN(c)
- OK

column by column

row by row

Period 1 of 1 Remaining time 5

DESIGN

Contract
Creation Box

Table: contracts

Num. records: 2

Records' display

- Empty records allowed
- All records empty allowed
- Records in rows
- Records in columns

Buttons Position

Arrangement

- In rows
- In columns

Contract creation box

- X: IN(x)
- Y: IN(y)
- Z: IN(z)
- OK

box in z-Leaf

DESIGN

Contract
Creation Box

Contract
List Box

Contract list

- x: OUT(x)
- y: OUT(y)
- z: OUT(z)
- t: IN(t)
- u: IN(u)
- OK

x	y	z
38	35	38
13	53	52
21	36	49
18	21	40
28	55	44

t

u

OK

The button executes program that may change the selected record.

DESIGN

Contract
Creation Box

Contract
List Box

Contract
Grid Box

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- z: OUT(z)
- t: IN(t)
- u: IN(u)
- OK

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21	36	49
18	21	40
28	55	44

t

u

OK

Contract grid

- x: OUT(x)
- y: OUT(y)
- z: OUT(z)
- t: IN(t)
- OK

x	3	2
y	6	3
z	9	5
t		

OK

Records can be in columns or in rows.

DESIGN

Message Box

Multimedia Box

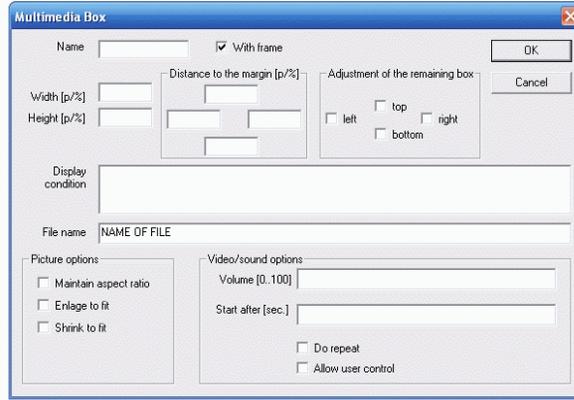
You can place at most one message box per screen. If zTree sends a message (say you entered a wrong value to Item), it will appear in the box and subject must click OK to continue. This way, only one OK is needed for multiple messages.

Image: jpg, gif, png, bmp.

Movie: mpg, avi.

Sound: wav, mp3.

Do not play movie or sound in waiting screen



DESIGN

Message Box

Multimedia Box

Chat Box

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Movie: mpg, avi.

Sound: wav, mp3.

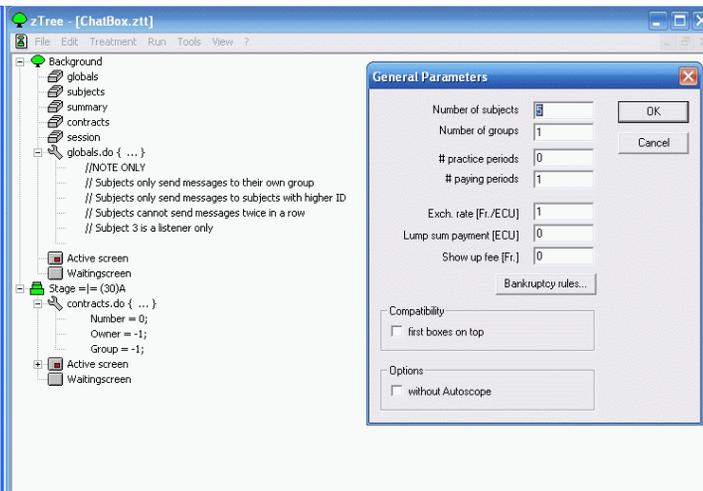
Allows subjects to send text messages to each other. The following example program will illustrate its use:

We will create a new program such that:

- // Subjects only send messages to their own group
- // Subjects only send messages to subjects with higher ID
- // Subjects cannot send messages twice in a row
- // Subject 3 is a listener only

DESIGN

Chat Box



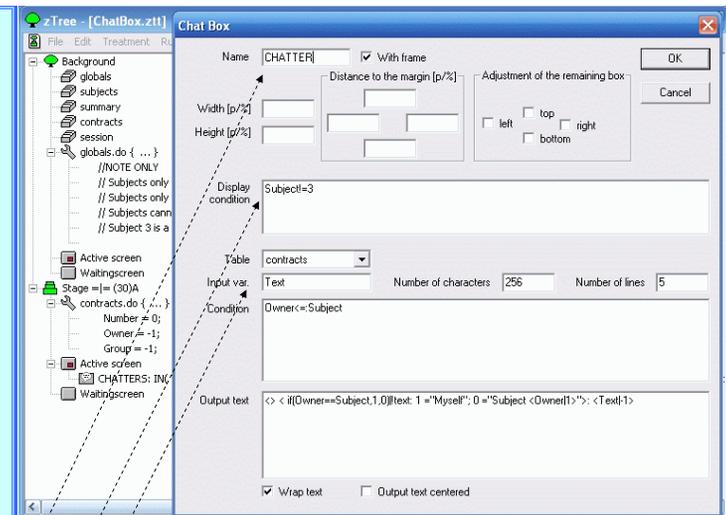
(1) Add the first stage

(2) Add a "program" with contracts table there:

```
Number = 0;  
Owner = -1;  
Group = -1;
```

DESIGN

Chat Box



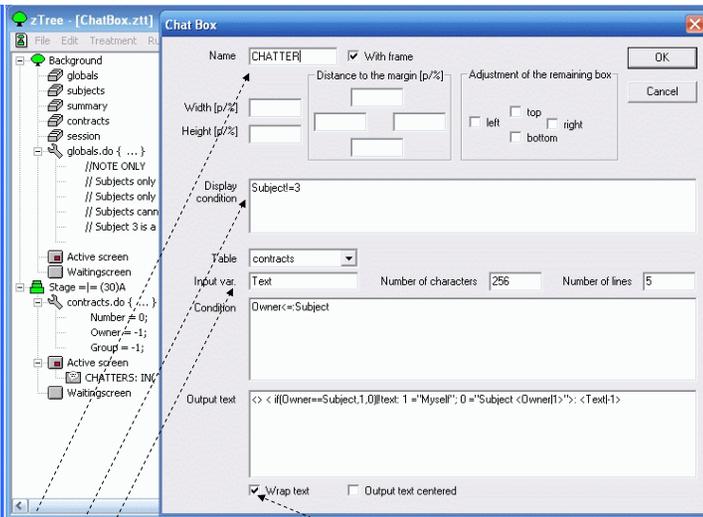
(3) In Stage's Active Screen Create New Chat Box: CHATTER

(4) Subject!=3 (3 is only a listener, this is not his window)

(5) Name Input Variable (=Text), limit characters to 256 (so excel can remember) and allow for 5 lines of text input.

DESIGN

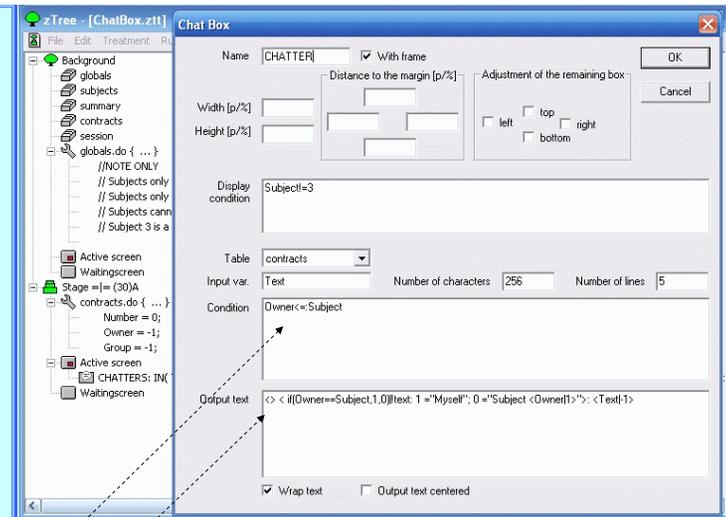
Chat Box



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DESIGN

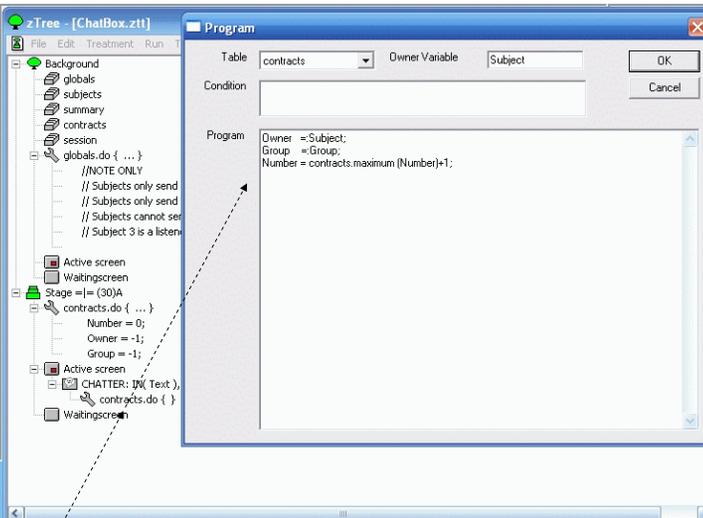
Chat Box



- (6) Owner<=Subject will limit observed messages to those sent by yourself and subject with higher ID number
- (7) `<> < if (Owner == Subject, 1, 0)!'text:
1 = "Myself";
0 = "Subject <Owner|1>": <Text|-1>`

DESIGN

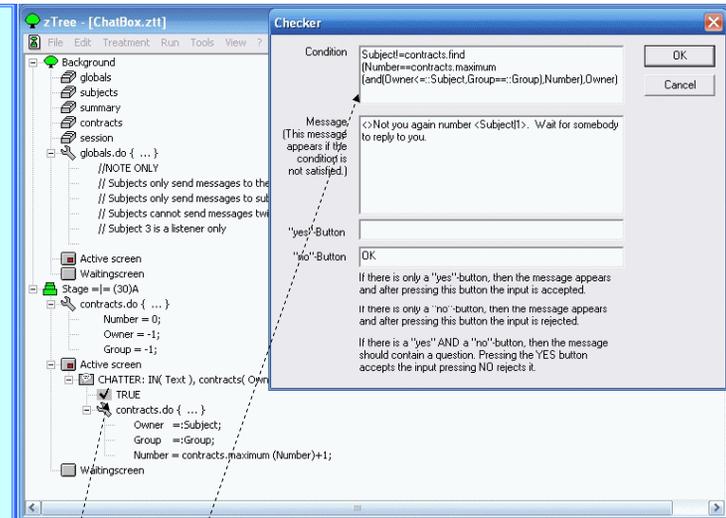
Chat Box



- (6) Add a program into the box (with contracts table)
Owner =:Subject;
Group =:Group;
Number = contracts.maximum (Number)+1;

DESIGN

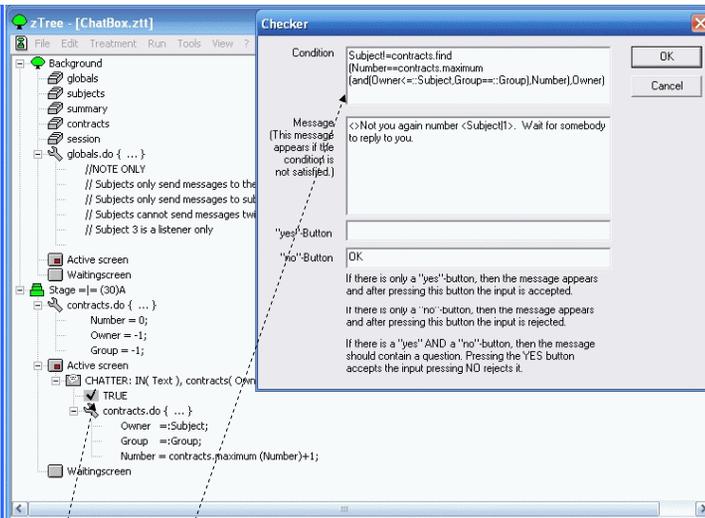
Chat Box



- (6) Add a checker into the box (so subjects know why...)
- (7) Find the owner of the latest contract from same group with larger ID: `Subject!=contracts.find(Number==contracts.maximum (and(Owner<=:Subject,Group==:Group) Number), Owner)`

DESIGN

Chat Box

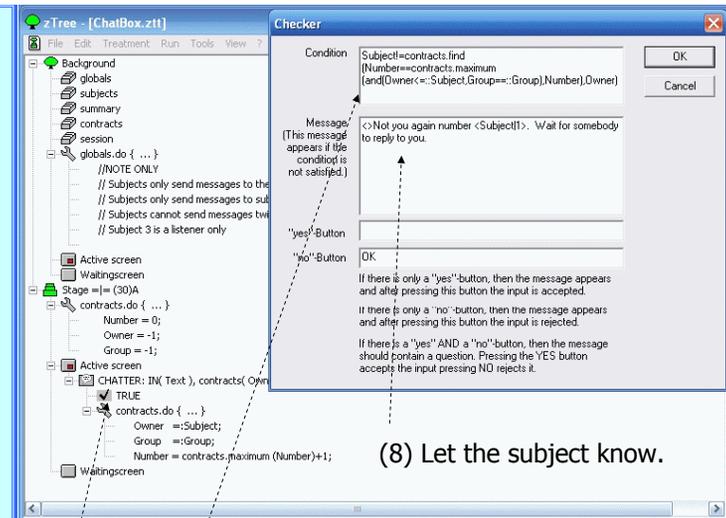


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DESIGN

Chat Box



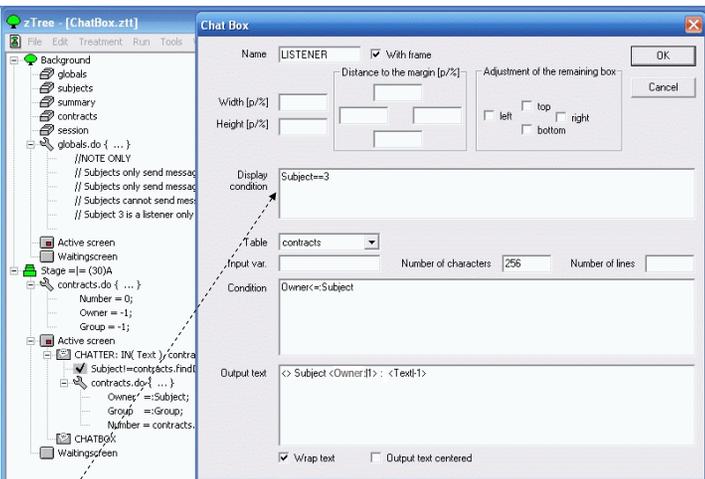
(8) Let the subject know.

(6) Add a checker into the box (so subjects know why...)

(7) Find the owner of the latest contract from same group with larger ID: `Subject!=contracts.find(Number==contracts.maximum(and(Owner<=:Subject,Group==::Group),Number), Owner)`

DESIGN

Chat Box

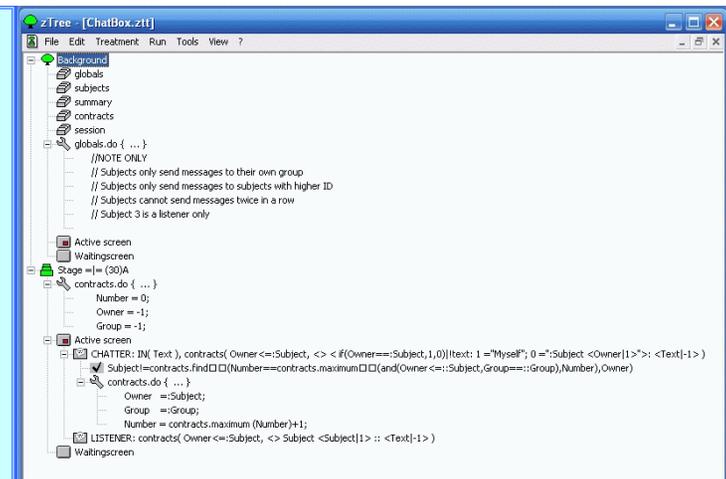


(9) Finally add a listening chat for subject S3

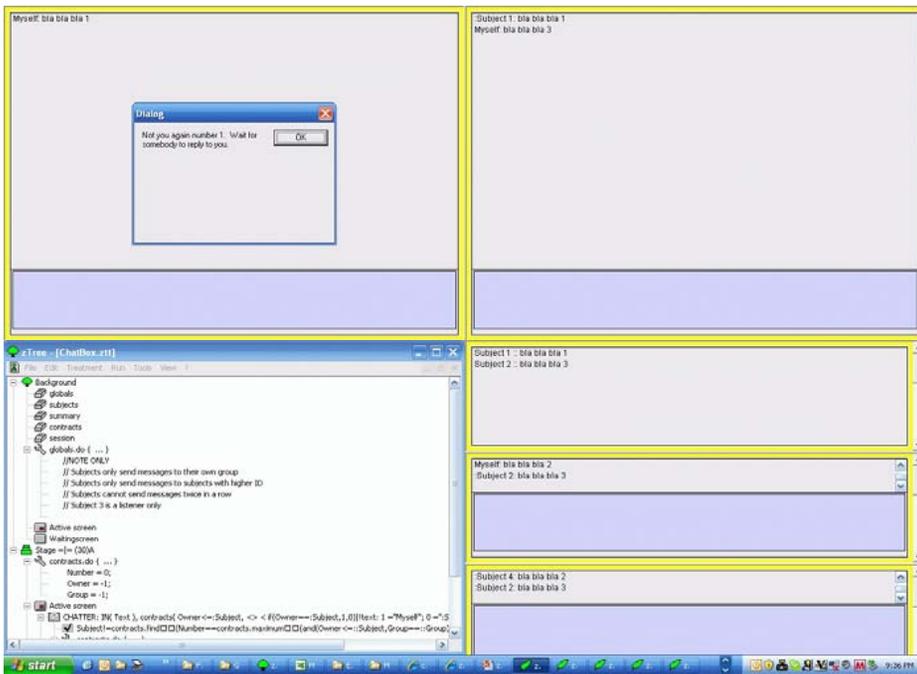
`<> Subject <Owner | 1> : <Text | -1>`

DESIGN

Chat Box



Program Completed. Ready to be tried. Note that
 S1 can only speak once
 S2 can at most speak twice (before and after S1)
 S3 only listens
 S4 can at most speak 4x and S5 at most 8x



PLOT Box

8 points

4 lines

3 rects

4 pies

3 texts

1 axis

OK

plotitems.ztt : Sample vector graphics items
draw.ztt : Manipulate graphics items

PLOT Box

zTree - [plotitems.ztt]

File Edit Treatment Run Tools View ?

Plot Box

Name: PlotBox with Frame

Width [p/%]: Distance to the margin [p/%]: Adjustment of the remaining box:

Height [p/%]:

Display condition:

Horizontal margin: Vertical margin:

Fill color:

Maintain aspect ratio:

x-axis: categorical linear logarithmic

y-axis: categorical linear logarithmic

left: right:

top: bottom:

Move pointer to:

OK Cancel

PLOT Box

zTree - [plotitems.ztt]

File Edit Treatment Run Tools View ?

Plot Text

Name: PlotText

Text: 8 points

x: -1 y: 1

Width:

horizontal alignment: left center right

vertical alignment: top first line center bottom

Orientation: (-90..+90)

text color: rgb(0,0,0)

Font: Size: 16

bold: italic: underline:

Display condition:

OK Cancel

PLOT Box

zTree - [plotitems.ztt]

File Edit Treatment Run Tools View ?

Waiting screen

Text

Bitte warten Sie bis das Experiment weiter geht.

Stage =|=- (-1)

Active screen

Standard

OK

PlotBox [-2,10][10,0]

txt PlotText: 8 points(-1,1)

- 1,1
- 2,1
- 3,1
- 4,1
- 5,1
- 6,1
- 7,1
- PlotPoint: 8,1

txt 4 lines(-1,2)

- 1,2->2,2
- 3,2->4,2
- 5,2->6,2
- 7,2->8,2

txt 3 rects(-1,3.5)

- [1, 2][4, 3]
- [3,][4, 3]
- [6, 8][4, 3]

txt 4 pies(-1,6)

- (2,6) 1, 1 [0+360]
- (4,6) 1, 1 [0+60]
- (4,6) 1, 1 [60+150]
- (7,6) 1, 1 [210+120]

Waiting screen

Start zTree Screens

Plot Point

Name PlotPoint

x 8

y 1

is a star (not polygon)

Size 15

Num vertices 5

Start at (angle from x) -30

Line color rgb(0.00,0.50,0.00)

Line width 3

Fill color rgb(0.50,0.50,1.00)

Display condition

8 points

4 lines

PLOT Box

zTree - [plotitems.ztt]

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Waiting screen

Start zTree Screens

Plot Line

Name PlotLine

Point 1

x 6 y 2

Point 2

x 8 y 2

arrow size 12

arrow width 12

Arrow is closed

line color rgb(0.00,0.50,0.25)

line width 3

Display condition

8 points

4 lines

PLOT Box

zTree - [plotitems.ztt]

File Edit Treatment Run Tools View ?

Waiting screen

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Active screen

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OK

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Waiting screen

Start zTree Screens

Plot Rect

Name PlotRectangle

x width

y height

Position

3

6 8

4

line color rgb(0.00,0.00,0.00)

line width 10

fill color

Display condition

3 rects

PLOT Box

zTree - [plotitems.ztt]

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Waiting screen

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Waiting screen

Start zTree Screens zTree.ppt untitled2.bmp - Wi... zTree - [plotitems....

Plot Pie

Name PlotPie

center x 7 y 6

radius x 1 y 1

start angle [°] 210

angle [°] 120

line color rgb(0.00,0.50,0.00)

line width 4

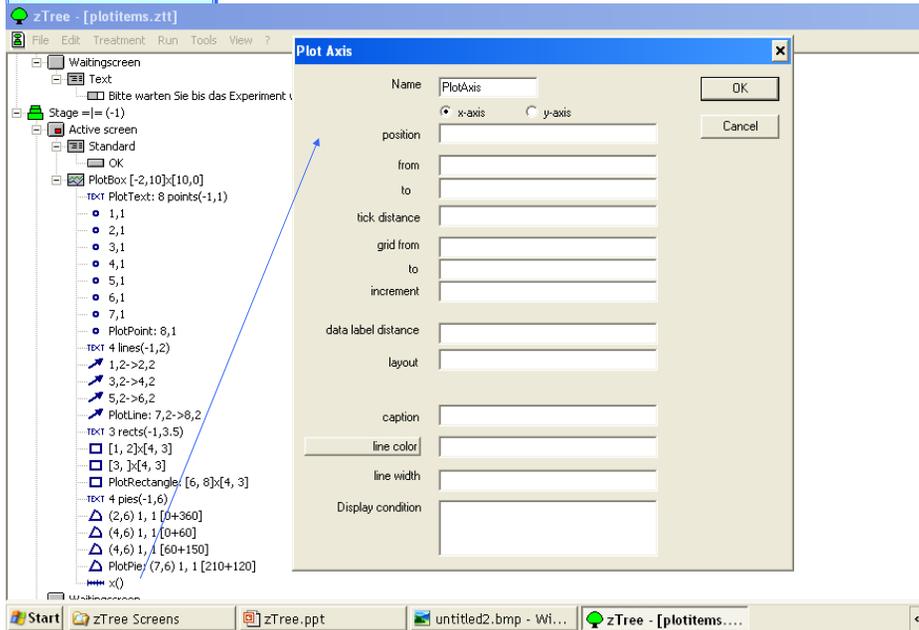
do not draw lines to center

fill color rgb(0.95,0.21,0.40)

Display condition

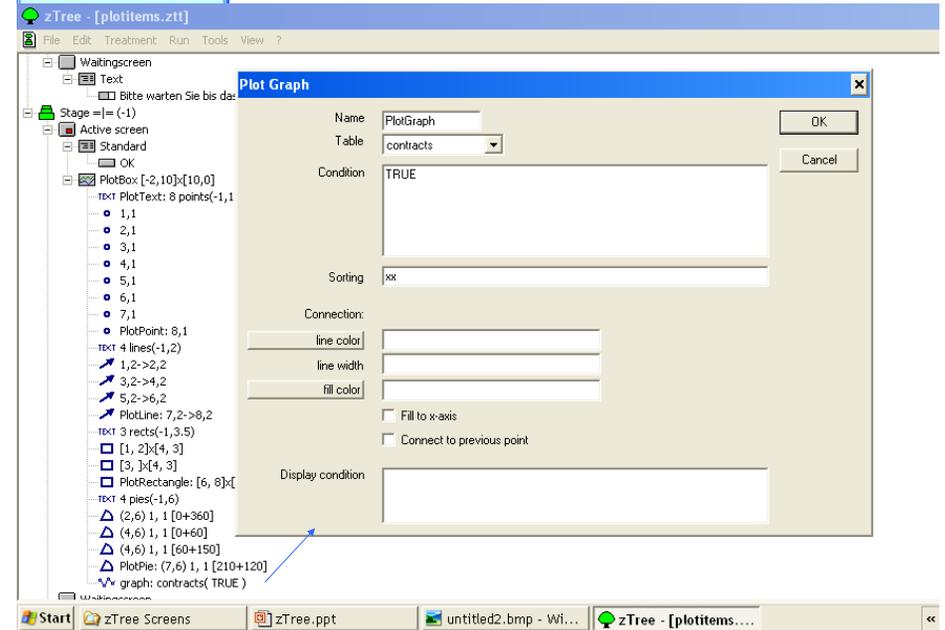
4 pies

PLOT Box



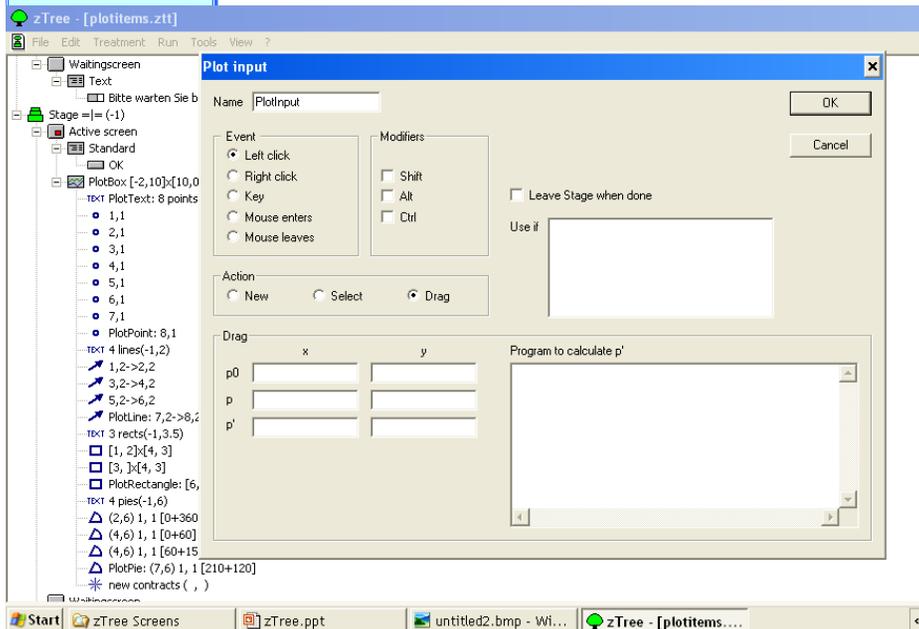
PLOT Box

PLOT GRAPH



PLOT Box

PLOT INPUT



PLOT Box

PLOT INPUT

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- Select an object
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- Drag an object
 - The subject clicks at an objects that contains a plot input item that treats the dragging.
 - z-Leaf makes an movable object, which can be dragged.
 - When the object is released, the horizontal and vertical distance are stored in variables. The programmer of the treatment has to provide a program that updated the variables is a way that the data represents the new position.
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PLOT Box

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PLOT Box

PLOT INPUT (drag only <-->)

The screenshot shows the 'Plot input' dialog box in the zTree software. The dialog is titled 'Plot input' and has a 'Name' field containing 'PlotInput'. It has 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. The 'Event' section has radio buttons for 'Left click', 'Right click', 'Key', 'Mouse enters', and 'Mouse leaves'. The 'Modifiers' section has checkboxes for 'Shift', 'Alt', and 'Ctrl'. There is a 'Leave Stage when done' checkbox and a 'Use if' text area. The 'Action' section has radio buttons for 'New', 'Select', and 'Drag'. The 'Drag' section has input fields for 'x' and 'y' coordinates: 'p0' (X0, Y0), 'p' (X1, Y1), and 'p'' (Xprime, Yprime). A text area labeled 'Program to calculate p'' contains the code: 'Xprime = X1; Yprime = Y0;'. A blue box at the bottom right highlights the code: '+ Program: X=X+Xprime-X0; Y=Y+Yprime-Y0;'. The background shows the zTree interface with a tree view on the left and a menu bar at the top.

Outline

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3. Creating a Simple Questionnaire
4. More on Design
(From Standard Box to Contracts, Chat and Graphics)
5. More Tips and Tricks and Examples
6. VRPD Game

Storing Information From Previous Periods

- o zTree remembers the value of globals and subjects variables from one prior period prior only:

These previous values are stored in a table called *OLDtable*; so, the previous variables in the subjects table can be called from the table called *OLDsubjects*

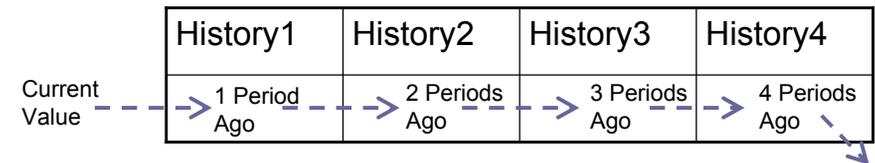
- o Longer histories?
 - Use summary or session's table
 - Record a sequence of pat periods

Storing Information From Previous Periods

- o Put the following at the beginning of the treatment:

```
i=1;
while (i <maxi) do {History1[i]=OLDsubjects.find(same(Subject),Current[i]);
                    History2[i]=OLDsubjects.find(same(Subject),History1[i]);
                    History3[i]=OLDsubjects.find(same(Subject),History2[i]);
                    History4[i]=OLDsubjects.find(same(Subject),History3[i]);
                    i=i+1}
```

// Current[i] = *CurrentValues*;



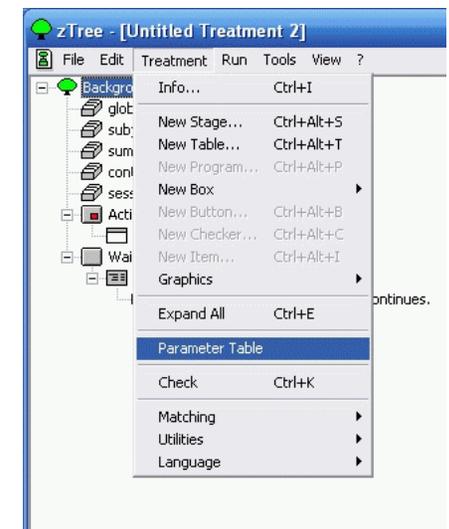
Storing Information From Previous Treatments

- o All variables must be defined (given values) in programs before they can be read. The exceptions are session variables that are mentioned in Background.

Click on Session table, insert sessions variable name (that was use in previous treatment) in the bottom box. Variable will be remember the value from the previous treatment.

Pauses and Popup Windows Between Periods

- o Go to Treatments => Parameters Table and click on a chosen period. Then you can pause the session by sending a prompt (you can also change parameters for the chosen period)



Pauses and Popup Windows Between Periods

Period 13

Prompt

OK

Cancel

If there is a non empty prompt, the experiment stops at the beginning of the period and the prompt is displayed at the experimenter's screen.

Program

The image shows a software dialog box with a light beige background and a blue border. At the top left, it displays 'Period 13'. Below this is a 'Prompt' label followed by an empty text input field. To the right of the input field are two buttons: 'OK' and 'Cancel'. Below the input field is a paragraph of text: 'If there is a non empty prompt, the experiment stops at the beginning of the period and the prompt is displayed at the experimenter's screen.' At the bottom of the dialog is a 'Program' label followed by a large empty text area with a vertical scrollbar on the right side.